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Deputy Cormac Devlin TD  
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**Re: PQ ref 9175/22**

\* \* To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans for improving podiatry services for persons with diabetes in CHO6.

Dear Deputy Devlin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health and Children for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

It has been advised that the Integrated Care Programme for Chronic Disease Management (ICPCDM) is currently in development. This new programme will see the establishment of two integrated Chronic Disease hubs in Community Healthcare East which will provide access to specialist services such as podiatry to people living with diabetes.

There is a plan to allocate three whole time equivalent podiatrists to each of the Chronic Disease hubs and that these podiatrists will provide a quality, person centred, evidence based service to adult service users who are at risk of developing foot disease secondary to diabetes. In addition, services users will be provided with access to foot protection services along with a structured education programme to support them.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.



Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emma Smyth', written in a cursive style.

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**Emma Smyth**  
Head of Service, Primary Care