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Deputy Martin Kenny TD,
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Leinster House,
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Re: PQ9396/22 - "To ask the Minister for Health the status of the plans to improve podiatry services for persons with diabetes in the CHO1 area and throughout the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Kenny,

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 Chief Officer, CHO 1 for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In line with the model of care 2021, Podiatry Services across CHO1 will undergo transformation to work within the scope of the model. Both the Network Podiatrist and Chronic Disease Management (CDM) Podiatrists will work closely over the coming months to ensure that patients are transitioned over to the care of the foot protection team in the CDM hubs, whilst ensuring that patient services are not impacted.

The Foot Protection Team (FPT) will provide a service to diabetes patients who are classified as moderate, high and in-remission. All active foot disease will be seen by the Multidisciplinary Foot Team (MDFT) in the Acute Hospital and low risk patients will be managed by their GP. The FPT will provide education to both patient and health professionals to ensure that all patients receive the appropriate treatment and advice as per the model of care 2021.

There are 9 posts allocated under chronic disease with 5 staff currently in post. The Chronic Disease Hub in Sligo is starting to deliver Podiatry Services from the new hub in April 2022. The service will offer spoke clinics in Ballinamore and Carrick on Shannon in order to provide a local service for County Leitrim. This approach will be mirrored throughout the CHO1 area.

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,

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