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Date: 4th August 2022

**Deputy Pa Daly, TD,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare St, Dublin 2**

PQ Number: 37073/22

Dear Deputy Daly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) – South (Cork & Kerry) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this office for response.

PQ Question:

To ask the Minister for Health the number of months that University Hospital Kerry has been without a senior podiatrist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pa Daly

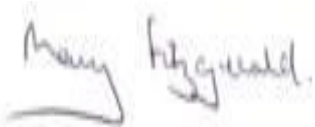
Senior Podiatrist post has been vacant since July 2021. There have been 3 recruitment campaigns since then. Following the initial recruitment campaign, the successful candidate declined the position 1 week before they were due to start. Additional campaigns did not yield any applicants despite advertising nationally and internationally.

In order to attract applicants and enhance patient care, UHK sought and was approved for a Clinical Specialist in Podiatry. Both Senior and Clinical specialist posts are currently at recruitment stage.

In order to ensure continuity of care for patients, a shared care arrangement was put in place with colleagues in Community and CUH.

I trust this response is to your satisfaction should you have any further queries however, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely,



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