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Deputy Colm Burke,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 41037/22 – To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the action that is being taken to support those who require the services of a HSE chiroprodist but do not have one in their immediate area; the avenues that are available to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Colm Burke

Dear Deputy Burke,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 41037/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Significant investment in Podiatry foot care services has been made through the Enhanced Community Care programme in the last 12 months. The new Chronic Disease Hub posts will focus on Diabetic Foot Care and will allow the new Network Podiatry Posts to focus on the foot care needs of the general and older population in the Community Healthcare

As well as the new and existing direct podiatry services, in some areas with service deficits, the HSE has engaged private podiatrists to provide foot care through 'Chiropody Card Schemes' to increase access to foot care services.

Any client with foot care needs should be referred into their local Primary Care Network service by their GP or public health nurse to get access to local services. If they are diabetics, the local doctors will be aware of the referral pathways into Hub services.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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