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Deputy Thomas Pringle TD  
Dáil Éireann,  
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**Re: PQ ref 14071/22 “To ask the Minister for Health the podiatry waiting list by location and waiting time by month in County Donegal in January 2021 and January 2022; the number of HSE podiatry clinics held within the county; the number of podiatry staff employed; the number of vacancies for podiatrists by location, acute and community; when these vacancies will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Pringle,

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 for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position

**Podiatry clinics are held in the following locations in Co. Donegal:**

- Glenties Health Centre: 4 days per week
- Chalet 12, Bunrana Community Hospital: 5 days per week
- Scally Primary Care Centre, Letterkenny: 4 days per week
- Ballyshannon Primary Care Centre: 5 days per week
- Donegal Town Primary Care centre: Opening April 2022

There were 441 patients on waiting list in Jan 2021

**Waiting lists figures in 2022:**

- Glenties Health Centre: 52 service user: longest waiting 143 weeks
- Chalet 12, Bunrana Community Hospital: 235 service user: longest waiting 174 weeks
- Scally Primary Care Centre, Letterkenny: 103 service user: longest waiting 87 weeks
- Ballyshannon Primary Care Centre: 40 service user: longest waiting 113 weeks

**Waiting list (new patients) by location:**

- Glenties Health Centre: 52
- Chalet 12, Bunrana Community Hospital: 235
- Scally Primary Care Centre, Letterkenny: 103
- Ballyshannon Primary Care Centre: 40

**Longest waiting time of those seen:**

- January: 56 weeks
- February: 57 weeks

**Podiatry Staff employed:**

5 WTE Senior Podiatrists within the county  
0 currently in Donegal

**Podiatry Vacancies:**

- 0.6 WTE senior permanent: Innishowen Network
- 1 WTE staff grade permanent: Innishowen Network
- 1 WTE senior maternity cover: North Donegal Network
- 1 WTE senior temporary: Donegal south East Network/North Donegal Network
- 3 WTE Chronic Disease Management posts: Diabetes. Letterkenny Hub



- 0.5 WTE acute support senior posts

Staff grade interviews were held on 15<sup>th</sup> March with staff grade posts being offered to panel in the coming week with Agency cover approved for 3 months maternity cover. A new CHO1 senior campaign to be advertised by month end.

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

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emma Ball". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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