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PQ 14112/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting appointments for podiatry services in County Wexford; the number of persons on the waiting list in January 2021; the number of persons on the waiting list in January 2022; the number of persons waiting for an appointment for a period of time greater than 12 months; the number of persons waiting for an appointment for a period of time greater than 24 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 14113/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies for podiatrists in County Wexford; when these vacancies will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following outlines the current position.

Currently there is no podiatry service available under the GMS scheme or for routine podiatry needs. In December 2021 there were 788 people waiting over 12 months. Up to December 2021 there was weekly podiatry service until the post-holder moved to another position in South East Community Healthcare (SECH). SECH offers a community based podiatry service in Wexford for 1 day per week based in St. John's Hospital, Enniscorthy through Diabetes Ireland. Due to the limitations of the resource through Diabetes Ireland, this service is limited to treating patients that have been prioritised as high risk of having foot complications.

The filling of the podiatry vacancies is a priority action for HSE currently with recent successful interviewees being offered positions. In addition, new development resources have been approved to increase the number of podiatrists across the county.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anna Marie Lanigan".

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