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Deputy John Brady,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

**PQ 48420/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are currently on the waiting list for podiatry in CHO6 Wicklow and CHO7 West Wicklow; the average waiting timeframe for this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**- John Brady**

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Dear Deputy Brady,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 48420/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

It is worth noting that COVID-19 has posed significant challenges for many service areas, including all community Services. In light of these unprecedented challenges, together with the Government's guidance on social distancing, the HSE has had to reassess its operation of Community Services nationally. This has unfortunately had unavoidable negative impacts on waiting lists. The HSE continues to work hard to address these issues and find solutions to the difficulties resulting from the ongoing Covid-19 crisis.

Please find the attached appendix, which contains, in tabular form, details of the waiting lists for Podiatry in the relevant local health areas in Wicklow as of August 2022, which is the latest data available at this time.

Appendix 1 – Podiatry – Number of Patients waiting for treatment August 2022

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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