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Mr Marc Ó' Cathasaigh TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 49837 - To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the recruitment of a diabetes podiatrist in University Hospital Waterford, given the estimated three-year waiting list to see a community diabetes podiatrist; and if he will make a statement on the mat

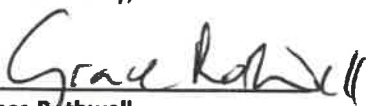
Dear Deputy Ó' Cathasaigh

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.

I can advise that a recruitment campaign for the recruitment of Diabetes Podiatrist at University Hospital Waterford has been ongoing. A campaign was launched in September 2021 and 2 candidates applied but neither candidate accepted invite to interview. UHW also contacted various recruitment agencies seeking Podiatrist CV's but none were received. A new campaign was launched in April 2022, one candidate applied and was successful but later rejected the position at job offer stage. UHW contacted all foot clinics in the South East to examine the possibility of offering sessional hours, however this proved unsuccessful. A new recruitment campaign is to be launched again this week.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,


Grace Rothwell
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