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To ask the Minister for Health if there is an option for reimbursement for an essential treatment paid for privately (HSE Podiatry services in Enniscorthy, Co. Wexford) when there is no public service available in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kehoe,

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 examined the matter and the following response outlines the current position.

I can confirm the HSE does not reimburse services of privately purchased treatment by members of the public. Some private funding schemes are in operation through the National Treatment Purchase Fund or Cross Border Directive/The Northern Ireland Planned Healthcare Scheme however, reimbursement would be accessed through these schemes directly.

In relation to a Podiatry Service for Enniscorthy unfortunately recent recruitment campaigns have not been successful in securing potential applicants, however, please be assured that the HSE continues to seek to recruit for Primary Care Podiatry posts as a matter of priority.

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

Yours sincerely,

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