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Deputy Ged Nash
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Re PQ 1282/23 - To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a status update on the provision of podiatry services at the HSE Boyne primary care centre and at the Community Services Building, Dublin Road, Dundalk respectively; the number of persons on a waiting list for the service at these locations; the number of staff engaged at these locations on podiatry services; the number of vacant posts related to the services; if he will outline the plans to fill any such vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Ged Nash

Dear Deputy Nash,

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 outlined the position as follows;

Currently, there is no Podiatry service at Boyne PC and Community Services Building Dundalk. There is 0.5wte vacancy in Co. Louth and this has been expressed out to the national panel recently but unfortunately there were no expressions of interest in the post. This is currently the only community podiatry resource for Co. Louth. There are currently 326 clients on the waiting list in Dundalk and 125 in Drogheda.

There are three (3) new development posts under the Diabetes Chronic Disease Management Hub for Co. Louth as follows;

- Podiatrist
- Senior Podiatrist
- Clinical Specialist in Podiatry.

We expect it will be challenging to fill these positions based on our experiences to date.



I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Des O'Flynn
Chief Officer
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