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Deputy Pearse Doherty Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

RE: PQ ref 33066/23 To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant HSE podiatry services positions in County Donegal, by location; the plans to fill any such vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Doherty

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 for Community Healthcare Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan Sligo.

Please see below the number of vacant HSE podiatry posts in Co. Donegal and the recruitment measures that are in place to fill these vacancies.

Community Healthcare Network (CHN) North - No vacancies.

CHN East: 1 Senior Podiatrist (0.6WTE) - Post has been accepted from the recruitment panel and is currently awaiting CORU recognition to be completed; start date to be confirmed.

CHN Inishowen: No vacancies.

CHN South & West: 1 Senior Podiatrist – Post expressed to the current panel for Community Healthcare Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo (CH CDLMS) on 11th July 2023. The closing date for expressions of interest was Thursday, 13th July at 12 noon, there was no expressions of interest in this role, therefore a bespoke campaign will now need to be run for this position.

Acute: 1 Senior Podiatry vacancy – No applicants despite two recruitment campaigns. In the process of arranging interview with agency candidate.

Chronic Disease Management (CDM) Hub: 1 Clinical Specialist Podiatrist – Post remains vacant following two recruitment campaigns. To be re-advertised in the coming weeks.

I trust that this is of assistance, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

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