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Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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Re Ref: PQ 29079/23:

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 604 of 16 May 2023, the reason for the removal of the service; if there is an intention to replace the service; if not, where else the service might be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

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 and Children for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In 2022 there was one Podiatry post aligned with the Diabetes Service in Community Healthcare East. When that post became vacant in 2022 we ran multiple but unsuccessful recruitment campaigns. However, the existing referral pathways between SVUH and the GP remains in place.

Currently CHO 6 has one Senior Podiatrist post filled in South Wicklow and is actively recruiting a Podiatry Manager, and all vacant clinical posts in the area. We would like to highlight that the Primary Care services in CHO 6 is committed and working hard to deliver on a full and comprehensive Podiatry service. However, recruitment in healthcare is significantly challenging at present and the Podiatry service is an example of this within CHO 6.

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

Yours sincerely,

Sinead Kilbride

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