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PQ 14984/23 – “To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a full list of podiatrists including addresses that are accepting new medical card holders aged over 65 within CHO9, in tabular form” - **Paul Donnelly TD**

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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.

The Podiatry service provided within Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County is through the Chronic Disease Programme for Diabetes

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/gmscontracts/2019agreement/chronic-disease-management-programme/>

Unfortunately, there is no podiatry service for patients without diabetes in (CHO DNCC). The criteria for access to this service is in line with the National Diabetic Foot model:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/ncps/diabetes/moc/diabetic-foot-model-of-care-2021.pdf>.

Triage is based on medical need only. Patients with diabetes and whose care needs in relation to their feet with a severity of moderate or above are offered a service. Patients who have a medical card and are over 65 can apply for a Chiropody Card Scheme which provides a subsidised service to patients via private practitioners.

For your convenience I have attached the referral form to access to the chiropody service, should any of your constituents require it.

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,

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