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Deputy Shortall,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 21959/23 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE senior podiatrists and WTE basic grade podiatrists employed by the Health Service Executive in the years 2020, 2021 and 2022; the number of those employed by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Roisin Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 21959/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Detailed information on number of HSE staff grades is publically available and can be found at <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting/> and also includes archived reports for previous years. I have attached the most recent copy of this report. For your convenience, I have also included below a link to the workforce reports by Community Health Organisation (CHO) which includes details on Podiatrist and Chiropodist staffing levels for each CHO:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting/workforce-reporting-by-community-healthcare-organisation.html>

The HSE has been working on developing a national standardised podiatry service across the country. This is being developed with the recruitment of podiatrist positions in the community health networks as well as specialist podiatrists to provide care to the persons diagnosed with diabetes. The HSE are also committed to developing appropriate governance structures throughout the country to meet the needs of the population.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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