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Deputy Roisin Shortall,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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**PQ 21961/23 To ask the Minister for Health the number of podiatry appointments delivered, by CHO area, in the years 2020, 2021 and 2022; the number of podiatry appointments delivered, by CHO area, to people with diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**-Róisín 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 21961/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

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.

Podiatry patients in CHOs 6, 7 & 9 predominately access services using a chiropody card provided by the HSE which enables these patients to access services from private providers.

<b>Total number of Podiatry patients offered an appointment and seen</b>			
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
CHO 1	7,716	8,214	14,558
CHO 2	9,217	11,450	15,291
CHO 3	6,521	7,257	8,785
CHO 4	19,681	13,612	17,206
CHO 5	946	1,355	2,303
CHO 6	0	0	485
CHO 7	0	0	0
CHO 8	5,123	3,694	7,575
CHO 9	423	2,057	4,271
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>49,627</b>	<b>47,639</b>	<b>70,474</b>



<b>Number of diabetes podiatry patients offered an appointment and seen by the Diabetes Integrated Care Programme Community Podiatrist</b>			
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
CHO 1	0	0	0
CHO 2	262	0	0
CHO 3	1,002	1,222	935
CHO 4	0	1,174	346
CHO 5	0	0	0
CHO 6	0	0	0
CHO 7	0	0	0
CHO 8	1,107	155	2,013
CHO 9	412	1,962	4,162
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,783</b>	<b>4,513</b>	<b>7,456</b>

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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National Community Operations