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**Deputy Duncan Smith**  
Leinster House,  
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**Re: PQ 45826/23 - “To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE Chiropodists employed by the HSE in CHO3 in the years 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form”.**

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The total number of Primary Care Chiropodists/Podiatrists employed by the HSE across the CHO3 area are outlined in the table below. Please note that these WTE are in respect of Podiatrists who work in the following areas:

Primary Care Podiatry Services; Specialist Teams for Chronic Disease Management and the Mid West Foot Clinic:

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>WTE compliment</b>	19.5 WTE	20.5 WTE
<b>Actual WTE</b>	10 WTE	7.6 WTE
<b>Posts vacant @ 31/12/2023 (i.e. post has failed to fill or is vacant due to leave (e.g. maternity leave/career break etc.)</b>		12.9 WTE

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,

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