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Deputy Carrigy
Leinster House
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Re: PQ15224/25 To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has discontinued the provision of a diabetic foot clinic service at Aughnaccliffe, Medical Centre, Aughnaccliffe, County Longford, which was previously available to patients; if so, the rationale behind this decision; if there are any plans to reinstate this essential service; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Carrigy

I acknowledge receipt of your representation: **PQ15224/25**

HSE Circular NCO-04-2020 was issued to all General Practitioners on the 13th January 2020 detailing the arrangements around the introduction of Chronic Disease Management Programme (CDM) which was due to commence in January 2020. In line with the circular all new and existing GMS patients were to be transitioned to the CDM Programme which included patients that were registered with the Hearthwatch Programme and the Diabetic Structured Care Programme.

In December 2024 registered GPs were advised by the HSE that the Hearthwatch Programme would cease from the 31st December 2024, in line with this decision the GP Lead for the Diabetic Structured Care Programme wrote to the participating GP s in the Diabetic Structured Care Programme advising them that the Diabetic Structured Care Programme would cease in line with the Hearthwatch Programme from the 1st January 2025.

GMS patients with a medical card or doctor visit card should by now be registered with CDM which offers structured diabetes care under the framework. For private patients, they should continue to receive appropriate diabetes care within their GP practice until such times that they become eligible for a medical card or doctor visit card.

If you have any further queries please contact me

Yours sincerely,



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