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**Re: Parliamentary Question Reference PQ 17257/25 – Parliamentary Question from Deputy Micheál Carrigy regarding the provision of a diabetic foot clinic service at Camlin Medical Centre, Longford.**

Dear Deputy Carrigy,

Thank you for your query. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you recently submitted. In preparing this response your Parliamentary Question has been discussed with the relevant Managers. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

HSE Circular NCO-04-2020 was issued to all General Practitioners on the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Heartwatch Programme and the Diabetic Structured Care Programme.

In December 2024 registered GPs were advised by the HSE that the Heartwatch Programme would cease from the 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Heartwatch Programme from the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

With regards to diabetic foot services, all GP's can refer patients to the community Podiatrist in Longford and that service remains in place.

Podiatry Chronic Disease clinics continue to be delivered in Longford in the Primary Care Centre in Ballyminion and referrals can be made via Healthlink for the service.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.



Yours sincerely,

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