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**Deputy Donna McGettigan**  
**Leinster House**  
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**Re: PQ 17668/25 - "To ask the Minister for Health the status of Podiatry services provided by the HSE in Co. Clare; and the status of this service going forward."**

Dear Deputy McGettigan,

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 Podiatry Manager has advised that there are currently 2 WTE Staff Grade Podiatrists covering the two Community Healthcare Network (CHN) areas in Co. Clare (West Clare and East Clare). Service users are seen at Podiatry Clinics held at Kilrush, Ennistymon, Ennis, Shannon and Scarriff.

The West Clare CHN has 1 WTE Senior Podiatrist currently on maternity leave who is expected to return to work in late 2025.

The Podiatry Manager also advised that there is a 0.4 WTE Clinical Specialist Podiatrist, 0.5 WTE Senior Podiatrist and 0.5 WTE Staff Grade Podiatrist aligned to the Chronic Disease Management (CDM) Team in Ennis who offer a podiatry service to service users with Diabetes.

Yours sincerely,

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**General Manager**  
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