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Deputy Sorca Clarke
Leinster House
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Re: PQ 46371/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in CHO8 awaiting podiatry within primary care services as of 4 December 2024 – Sorca Clarke

Dear Deputy Clarke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

Please see table below with the number of persons in CHO8 awaiting podiatry within primary care services as of 4 December 2024.

Meath	381
Longford/Westmeath	36
Laois/Offaly ICPCD	83

There are no podiatrists currently working in Louth Primary Care Services, despite numerous efforts and campaigns we were unable to fill the posts. Going forward the podiatry service will fall under the Chronic Disease Management Model.

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,

Joseph Ruane
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