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Paul Lawless, TD

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PQ 53075/25 (Health): To ask the Minister for Health the expected number of jobs, and timeframe expected, on the HSE recruitment panel for chiropodist (podiatrist) staff grade, established following interviews held in July 2025.
- Paul Lawless

PQ 53076/25 (Health): To ask the Minister for Health the number of current vacancies for chiropodist (podiatrist) positions within the HSE, by region, in tabular form.
- Paul Lawless

Dear Deputy,

I refer to your recent Parliamentary Question which was sent to the HSE for response.

The Workforce reporting - HSE.ie confirms the HSE currently has 159 WTE chiropodists (podiatrist) in employment as of August 2025. From December 2023 to present date this represents a workforce increase of 6.9% and/or a WTE increase of 9.

The Pay and Numbers Strategy issued each of the six HSE Health Regions and each national service their own specified number of WTEs, and can within that approved number, replace, recruit and prioritise posts. This provides greater flexibility for Health Regions and national services to respond to the needs of the population and prioritise decisions on the filling of posts, with those decisions made closer to the point of service delivery.

While we do not collate vacancy information centrally, the National Recruitment Services have provided the following figures retrieved from national recruitment campaigns.

- 13 posts offered to the panel since July 2025 (existing panel that takes precedence)
- 6 Accepted (3 of which are off the 2025 panel)
- 7 unable to fill from the panels

I trust this is of some assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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