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Deputy Kelly
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 19800/24 “To ask the Minister for Health the number of chiropody cards for persons aged over 65 that were issued by the HSE in CHO3 and CHO5 in the years of 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form.

-Alan Kelly

Dear Deputy Kelly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (19800/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Chiropody is also known as Podiatry. Community Podiatry services are available in all counties, primarily delivered in HSE community settings via Community Healthcare Organisations (CHOs). Patients can be referred to Podiatry services from a number of sources including self-referrals or for example referrals from GPs and Acute Hospitals. The Podiatry services provided to individual patients is based on clinical need following initial assessment. In 2023, there were 64,396 patients seen by HSE Podiatry services in Primary Care.

The chiropody card is applicable in the Dublin area only where Podiatry services are primarily delivered to patients by private providers. Chiropody cards are not in use outside of the Dublin area therefore in response to your question, no chiropody cards were issued in CHO3 or CHO5 in 2023 or to date in 2024. Instead, these services are provided by the HSE in community settings via CHOs.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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