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"To ask the Minister for Health how many patients are on the podiatry waiting list in Galway; how long the current waiting time is; if the interval between appointments for patients has been changed in the past year; if there are currently any unfilled clinical positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Dear Deputy

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 the following outlines the position in Primary Care.

In relation to the length of the current waiting time, and if the interval between appointments has changed in the past year, this cannot be determined as waiting time and interval between appointments is based on the clinical need of the patient. All referrals are triaged and prioritised according to clinical need.

	Number of Patients on Waiting List	Vacant Posts
Podiatry Service, Unit 3, Merlin Park University Hospital	1,199	2
Podiatry Service, Galway City Ambulatory Hub	329	0
Podiatry Service, Ballinasloe Hub	171	0

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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