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Deputy Ruairí Ó Murchú,
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 45382/24 - To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2471 of 23 July 2024, and indirect rep 98/0624, the current complement of podiatrists for the chronic disease management model for diabetes that looks after patients in County Louth; where these patients from County Louth will be seen; when this model will come into operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Ruairí Ó Murchú

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

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

The CDM Model of care outlines that each hub should have the following:

- a. 1 WTE Clinical Specialist Podiatrist
- b. 1 WTE Senior Podiatrist
- c. 1 WTE Staff Grade Podiatrist

In addition the model outlines there should be an additional 0.5 WTE Podiatrist employed in the acute to promote the integrated care aspect.

Currently there are no podiatrists employed in the Chronic Disease Hub for Co. Louth. All vacancies are being reviewed in line with the new Pay and Numbers cap for the Regional Health Authority. Accordingly, it is not possible to estimate a timeframe for an appointment at this time

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

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