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Deputy Sean Sherlock,
Liberty Hall (SIPTU),
19 Fair Street,
Mallow,
Co. Cork.

RE: PQ 22358/19

*** To ask the Minister for Health the status of a speciality consultant (details supplied) in County Cork-Sean Sherlock. (Endocrinology specialisation in Cork to avoid children and families travelling to Dublin)**

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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. We have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Cork University Hospital currently has two permanently appointed Consultant Paediatric Endocrinologist posts, one of which is vacant at present. Interviews have been held for the permanent (vacant) Consultant Paediatric Endocrinologist post and the new permanent Consultant is expected to start in January 2020. The hospital recruited a Locum Consultant Paediatrician to support the endocrinology service in the interim; however this locum Consultant finished in May 2019 and a replacement locum is due to commence on the 1st July 2019 for 6 months until the permanent Consultant Paediatric Endocrinologist commences in post.

In addition to the two posts referenced above, a Locum Paediatric Endocrinologist is due to commence the week beginning 24th June who will run a clinic to support the service one day a week.

Between now and the 1st July 2019, clinics will be held on a weekly basis supported by the Paediatric team. In addition a diabetic nurse specialist is available on an on-going basis.

There are approximately 400 paediatric patients attending the Diabetes Service in CUH with 1-2 new Insulin-Dependent Diabetes Mellitus (IDDM) diagnosis per week.

The National Model of Care expects that's 25% of children should be on insulin pumps, CUH are currently exceeding this target with 37.5% of insulin dependent diabetics on insulin pumps.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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