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PQ 44377/19

To ask the Minister for Health the reason County Waterford with a population of 120,000 is the only county in the south-east that does not have a primary care diabetes nurse specialist; his plans to recruit one; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Butler,

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

I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the position.

My previous reply to your Parliamentary Question (PQ 40738/19) dated 18th October 2019 remains current.

Currently Primary Care Services in Waterford does not have a post for Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) in Diabetes. However, it is my understanding that University Hospital Waterford are currently undergoing a recruitment process for a Diabetes Nurse Specialist post.

From a Primary Care South East Community Healthcare perspective, please be assured that the appointment of a Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) in Diabetes remains a priority.

Should you have any further queries in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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