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Ms Mary Butler TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 45691 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of diabetes patients transferred from University Hospital Waterford to Cork University Hospital for their diabetes care in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Butler

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.

I can confirm that University Hospital Waterford does not keep statistics on the number of diabetes patients transferred from University Hospital Waterford to Cork University Hospital for diabetes care. The majority of patients who are referred to UWH for Type 1 Diabetes care, have their care needs met at UHW. The services provided to adult patients at UHW with type 1 Diabetes include:

- Consultant Endocrinologist led Outpatient Clinics for adult patients,
- Diabetes foot care / podiatry clinics daily for patient with diabetes foot complications,
- Specialist Nurse led clinics daily for patient follow up / self-management education /support.
- In patient services are available for patients with type 1 diabetes with acute illness requiring hospital admission.
- A full range of Diagnostic services are available as clinically indicated.
- Referral to specialist services internally within UHW (e.g. cardiology, vascular etc) and externally (e.g. insulin pump therapy) are available as clinically indicated.
- A range of community / primary care services are also available e.g. GP follow up, community podiatry, Public health nursing, Community intervention team etc if/as clinically indicated.

The Endocrinology Team in UHW currently consists of the following:

- 2 Consultant Endocrinologists, supported by a team of NCHDs
- 1 Diabetes Nurse Specialist
- 1 Diabetes Podiatrist

Supported by a grant from the Sláintecare integration fund, it proposed to establish a new innovative and integrated Diabetes Service in 2020, focused on supporting and empowering people with Diabetes Type 1 to thrive with diabetes. The new service will provide specialist healthcare, support and self-management education, delivered in the main in an appropriate primary care setting.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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