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"To ask the Minister for Health when the more than 90 type 1 diabetes young adults and teenagers attending Cork University Hospital will be transitioned from the paediatric diabetes service to the adult diabetes services; and if he will make a statement on the matter"

Dear Deputy Collins

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.

A core group has been established in CUH to work on the transitioning of adolescent patients to adult diabetes services. The core group includes both adult and paediatric Consultant Endocrinologists as well as Clinical Nurse Specialists and managers. The new adult Consultant Endocrinology post will have a positive impact on the transition phase and timing of same.

In the interim joint work is being undertaken by both services who have identified a number of service initiatives that it is hoped will facilitate patients transitioning to the appropriate team.

Yours sincerely,

Interim Chief Executive Officer