

2nd December 2020

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Re: PQ 39749/20 – Diabetes nurse, Regional Hospital Mullingar

“To ask the Minister for Health when the vacant dedicated diabetes nurse position will be filled at Mullingar General Hospital (details supplied”).

“The post remains unfilled now for 18 months and is a cause of concern for diabetes patients and especially parents struggling to maintain medication and treatments”

Dear Deputy Flaherty,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update on the diabetes nurse position in Regional Hospital Mullingar, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that the Paediatric Diabetic Service at Regional Hospital Mullingar was temporarily suspended in 2019 pending the successful recruitment of a diabetic paediatric nurse.

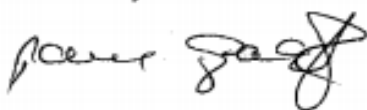
Regional Hospital Mullingar, first advertised the position of Paediatric Diabetic Nurse Manager on the 20th of December 2019. There was one application received and they were deemed ineligible. Since that time the Covid-19 pandemic stopped normal business activity.

Regional Hospital Mullingar reverted to their colleagues in HSE, requesting a campaign to fill the post again. The position was open to applicants on the 21st of September 2020 with a closing date of the October 5th, 2020.

The interview board is being convened and interviews will take place in early December, 2020 and it is hoped that the position will be filled in Q2 of 2020.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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