

Deputy Sean Fleming, T.D. Dail Éireann,

13th May 2020

RE: PQ ref 4423/20

"To ask the Minister for Health if arrangements will be put in place for an adult insulin pump clinic to be provided at the Midland Regional Hospital, Portlaoise; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Fleming,

I refer to the above PQ, and wish to advise that the adult Diabetic Service is currently serviced by 2 Consultant Physicians with special interest in Endocrinology, 1.5 Clinical Nurse Specialists, Senior Dietitian and Senior Podiatrist. In addition, an Advanced Nurse Practitioner is at an advanced stage in the recruitment process and will be in place over the coming months. Funding has been requested for an additional Senior Dietitian to progress the adult Diabetic Pump service.

The Hospital recognises the importance of this service for Diabetic patients and their families and hopes to further progress the provision of insulin pumps to adults as soon as funding is received.

I trust this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Knowles General Manager