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Deputy Barry Cowen
Dáil Éireann
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PQ 38465//20 *To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the paediatric diabetes nurse in Tullamore and Mullingar hospitals; and when this service will resume in either hospital (details supplied).*

Dear Deputy Cowen,

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.

As the provision of acute services is the responsibility of the CEOs of the Hospital Groups, this matter has been raised with them.

I am advised by the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group that there has never been a Paediatric Diabetes Nurse service in Midland Regional Hospital Tullamore. I am advised that a patient pathway is in place where patients requiring the Paediatric Diabetes Nurse service are referred to the Midland Regional Hospital Mullingar.

I am advised by the Ireland East Hospital Group that the Clinical Nurse Specialist in Paediatric Diabetes retired in May 2019. I understand that this CNS continued to provide support to clinics for a further 6 months up to the end of November 2019 in order to minimise the impact on service users while a new appointment was awaited.

Due to the highly specialised nature of the role, no one with the necessary skills and qualifications was available to assist, even temporarily, following this date pending filling of the position on a permanent basis.

I understand that the position of Paediatric Diabetic Nurse Manager was first advertised on the 20th December, 2019. One application was received which was deemed ineligible. It was planned to wait three months to re-advertise in line with best practice. However, I understand that the response to the COVID 19 pandemic impacted business activity. The position was re-advertised on the 21st of September 2020 with a closing date of the October 5th, 2020.

I am advised that the interview board is being convened and that interviews will take place on December 8th, 2020.

I trust that this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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