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Ms Violet-Anne Wynne TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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RE: PQ 23413/20

***To ask the Minister for Health when the UHL group will be receiving funding to hire additional dietitians for diabetic services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Violet-Anne Wynne**

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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.

While there is a specialist dietitian working within our paediatric diabetes patients, there is currently no specialist dietitian in post for adults with Type 1 Diabetes. Patients are seen by a ward dietitian as in-patients but there is no specialist dietetic care or out-patient appointments for diabetes patients in UHL. Approval is required nationally before we can progress recruitment for this post. We have identified this as a significant gap in our service and we are committed to addressing this.

Developing our diabetes services is a core focus for UL Hospitals Group and we are committed to improving the service for our patients. To that end, we will be submitting a bid to develop this service, including the appointment of specialist posts, and this will form part of our 2021 estimates process.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Colette Cowan
Chief Executive Officer
UL Hospitals Group

