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Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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RE: PQ 23415/20

*** To ask the Minister for Health when we can expect UHL to have adequate diabetes nurse specialists in their adult diabetes service as per the recommendations of the National Survey of Diabetes Care Delivery in Acute Hospitals 2018 - Violet-Anne Wynne. -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.

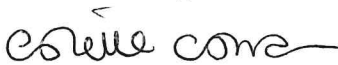
The service diabetes service in UHL is supported by a dedicated team of Clinical Nurse Specialists and Staff Nurses. There is also diabetic nurse support in St Johns, Ennis and UMHL.

There are currently two diabetic CNS posts in ULHospitals, one in UHL and one in Ennis. One of these nursing posts has a remit to Nenagh Hospital. There are also three diabetic staff nurse positions within the diabetes unit.

Developing our diabetes services is a core focus for UL Hospitals Group and we are committed to improving the service for our patients. As you are aware, developing services around insulin pump therapy and structured education in particular require us to fill further specialist posts, including nursing posts. To that end, we will be submitting a national bid to develop this service and the staffing to support it. 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

