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RE: PQ 23416/20

*** To ask the Minister for Health when there will be Insulin pump therapy offered to adults with type 1 diabetes in the mid-west (details supplied) - 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.

Currently, the adult service in UHL is unable to commence adult patients on insulin pumps due to service demands. We do, however, accept patients established on pumps from elsewhere and these patients are managed under the care of the consultant endocrinologist. The largest group of these patients are those who have transferred from the Paediatric Diabetes Service in UHL. All of our insulin pump patients are seen in UHL.

There is a specialist dietitian working with our paediatric diabetes patients. However, there is currently no specialist dietitian in post for adults with Type 1 Diabetes. Patients are seen by a ward dietitian as inpatients but there is no specialist dietetic care or outpatient appointments for diabetes patients in UHL.

We have identified this as a significant gap in our service and are committed to securing additional specialist posts (nursing and dietitian) to deliver an insulin pump service.

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 and it will form part of our 2021 estimates process.





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

Yours sincerely,

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