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Deputy Colm Burke,
Leinster House,
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RE: PQ 60733/21

*** To ask the Minister for Health the actions he is taking to help with the staffing shortage with large patient numbers in diabetes services in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke**

Dear Deputy Burke,

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. We have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The recruitment of the posts outlined below for the Diabetes Services are currently being progressed and will support the development of the Diabetes Services in Cork:

- 1) 1x Transitional Diabetes Consultant post;
- 2) 1 x Diabetes Integrated Care Consultant Post (Chronic Disease Hubs) ;
- 3) 1x Clinical Specialist Nutritionist ;
- 4) 1x Nurse Specialist Diabetes;
- 5) 1 x Diabetes Advanced Nurse Practitioner post ;
- 6) 1 x CNM2 post for Diabetes to support multi-disciplinary approach in diabetic care;

The South/ South West Hospital Group (S/SWHG) in collaboration with its ten hospitals has undertaken substantial work to address waiting lists and manage the effects of the on-going Covid-19 pandemic and the May 2021 HSE cyber- attack on overall activity as we continue to work with all our hospitals to recover and improve patient access to services including diabetes services in Cork.

It is expected that the recruitment of the above additional staff for the Diabetes service will greatly assist in reducing waiting list times and patient numbers for diabetes patients.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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