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Dáil Éireann
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PQ 7896/21* To ask the Minister for Health the number of diabetes treatment related positions, that is, endocrinologists, diabetes nurses, dietitians and podiatrists in Our Lady's Hospital Navan and Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda; the number of positions that are vacant; the length of time these positions have been vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

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 RCSI Hospital Group, which has responsibility for Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda and Louth County Hospital have advised that these hospitals provide diabetic services to adult, paediatric and maternity patients across the Louth, Meath, North Dublin, Cavan and Monaghan area. The following table provides the numbers of WTES as requested. These posts are supported by social workers, ophthalmologists and psychologists.

Specialist	WTE
Consultant endocrinologists	2.5
Diabetes nurse specialists	3.4
Diabetes dietitian	0.3
Specialist diabetes podiatrist	3.5

The Ireland East Hospital Group has responsibility for Navan Hospital and has provided the information requested below..

Specialist	WTE
Consultant Physician Endocrinology	1
Clinical Nurse Specialists in Diabetes	2
Dieticians	2
Podiatrist	1

I wish to advise you that data is not collected on vacancies. The staffing environment within the HSE is dynamic and is subject to changing numbers in line with government policy. The vacating of a position does not in itself create a vacancy as the work of the position may be covered through redeployment, restructuring or reallocation. In addition, where a post has been approved for filling the duties may be covered by agency or overtime in the meantime. It is not possible, therefore, to give a definitive figure for vacancies and information on vacant positions is not routinely collected in the manner sought.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,



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