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Mr. Fergus O'Dowd, T.D,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: Parliamentary Question 4933/20 *"To ask the Minister for Health the specialist and dedicated diabetic services and personnel available in County Louth in the community, in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda and in Louth County Hospital for patients with diabetes; his plans to increase availability and resources to treat such patients and to further improve services; if there are vacancies or gaps in the services; and if he will make a statement on the matter"*

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

The RCSI Hospital Group 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda and Louth County Hospital provide diabetic services to adult, paediatric and maternity patients across the Louth, Meath, North Dublin, Cavan and Monaghan area.

Please see specialists as follows:

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

The above is also supported by social workers, ophthalmologists and psychologists.

We trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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