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**Deputy Charles Flanagan T.D.,  
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**PQ- 12329/21: To ask the Minister for Health the status of the appointment of an advanced nurse practitioner in the diabetes clinic at the Midlands Regional Hospital, Portlaoise; if there has been progress on an adult diabetic pump clinic at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Flanagan

I refer to the above parliamentary question in respect of the appointment of an advanced nurse practitioner for diabetes services and the provision of an adult insulin pump service at the Midland Regional Hospital, Portlaoise

Please be advised that the hospital have appointed an advanced nurse practitioner to support the provision of diabetes services.

The establishment of an adult insulin pump service is a key priority for the hospital following the successful establishment of a paediatric insulin pump service in 2018. A limited number of adult patients who have already been fitted with an insulin pump are currently managed at the hospital. The necessary supports to enable the development of a comprehensive adult insulin pump service are currently being considered

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely

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