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Mr David Cullinane TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 22796 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that attended the paediatric diabetes clinic at the University Hospital Waterford who have been treated with insulin pump therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane

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

I can confirm that currently, University Hospital Waterford has 120 Type 1 Diabetes Children/ Adolescents attending the UHW Paediatric Diabetes Service. We have 40 clients using insulin pump therapy. To date this year, UHW has commenced 10 patients on pump therapy. Our expectations will be to continue this trend for the rest of the year. Our patient numbers are growing year on year since we began offering pump therapy to our clients over the past 2 ½ years. By the summer, we will have surpassed other centres of the same size with our ratio between pump and multi daily injection patients (MDI).

We were delighted to be the first centre in Ireland to offer the cutting edge Medtronic pump 780g to the Paediatric Type 1 Diabetics patients attending UHW. So far the results have been very successful for these patients.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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