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Mr Matt Shanahan TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

**PQ 53805 - To ask the Minister for Health the approved number of whole-time equivalent of diabetic nurses and diabetic nurse specialists at present on site at University Hospital Waterford in addition to diabetic nurses engaged through community provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Shanahan

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 advise that the current Diabetic Nurse staffing levels at University Hospital Waterford is as follows:

- 1 Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Adult Service
- 1 Diabetes Nurse (CNM2) Paediatric Service
- 1 Diabetes Midwife Specialist (CNS)

One Advanced Nurse Practitioner Post (ANP) was also advertised recently with interviews expected to take place shortly. One Clinical Nurse (CNM2) Integrated Care Programme (Slaintecare) Post is currently advertised

The Waterford "Thrive with Diabetes" Project is focused on supporting and empowering people with Type 1 Diabetes to thrive with diabetes. The project recognises the need for integrated community based specialist diabetes services in Waterford, providing specialist healthcare, support and self management education, delivered in the main, in an appropriate primary care setting. The project is being implemented collaboratively between UHW and South East Community Healthcare.

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

Yours sincerely,

Grace Rothwell  
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