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

PQ 55574 - To ask the Minister for Health the reason UHW is a regional category 4 hospital with a HSE denoted patient catchment of 520,000 persons the only hospital in the country operating without a diabetes specialist nurse at present given the only available clinical nurse specialist has been on leave since early October 2021 without any designated replacement and with no other nursing back up rostered to fill in; 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.

A staff member from our Diabetes Unit is currently on unexpected leave, pending return to work. As an interim plan, a CNM1 was redeployed to support this service from 25th October 2021, and remains in place. Interviews for this post were held on Friday 12th November 2021, from which a panel of successful candidates was established. This recruitment process is ongoing.

Yours sincerely,

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