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

PQ 48502 -To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to diabetes care at the University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details Supplied:

Why approx 1/3 of all Young Adults attending UHW for their Diabetes Care using Insulin Pump Therapy will have to move their care out of UHW? The only Level 4 hospital in the country where this service is not available when they reach 18.

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, there is one CNS working in the Adult Endocrinology Service at University Hospital Waterford. An ANP (Advanced Nurse Practitioner) post has been advertised and is with the recruitment service.

At present there is no transitional care service for adolescents in UHW and currently, these patients are referred to other sites.

A new Consultant Endocrinologist with special interest in transitional care has commenced at UHW and is hoping to commence transitional care clinics in the near future, once appropriate additional supports are in place.

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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