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

PQ 50456 - To ask the Minister for Health the reason there are no transitional care services for adolescents using insulin pump therapy at University Hospital Waterford; his plans to provide this service; 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 University Hospital Waterford is committed to providing a transitional care service for adolescents using insulin pump therapy. A Permanent Endocrinology Consultant commenced in post recently and has particular interest in 'younger adults' and in this regard is commencing a monthly clinic for 'younger adults' in the Primary Care Centre in John's Hill. An Advanced Nurse Practitioner Post (ANP) was advertised recently and interviews are scheduled to take place later this month.

UHW is hopeful that we will be able to progress the commencement of these transitional care services 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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