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Mr. Alan Dillon,
Houses of the Oireachtas,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re; PQ 51904 / 21

To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure each pregnant woman diagnosed with gestational diabetes in County Mayo has access to a diabetes doctor and clinic in Mayo University Hospital; the number of doctors available to women in this category in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Alan Dillon

Dear Mr. Dillon,

Thank you for your above query.

Unfortunately the diabetes in pregnancy service for Mayo University Hospital is currently not being provided on site. We are doing everything we can to get the services back up and running on site in MUH.

There has been an approved post with Galway University College and Galway University Hospital that incorporate services to Mayo University Hospital. This post is with the Public Appointments Office at the moment awaiting interview dates. We have also got a recruitment process for an Endocrinology post in Mayo University Hospital which is also with the Public Appointments Office. Unfortunately there were no applicants for this position and we will be re-advertising but highlighting that this position now needs to incorporate a specific interest in dealing with diabetes in pregnancy.

We will continue to try to source someone in a locum capacity until the permanent positions are filled. We are reviewing on an ongoing basis the impact this is having on the women of Mayo and ensuring that we risk manage all of this transitional period whilst our patients have to travel.

Kind Regards,



Catherine Donohoe
Hospital Manager