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Re: PQ-6219/22 - To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for the recruitment of two additional senior dieticians for the adult insulin pump service at Portlaoise Regional Hospital.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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.

The Hospital has submitted a business case to support the Dietetic Service in meeting the increasing demand for insulin pump therapy as patients are transferred from Paediatric to the Adult service. There is currently 6 adult patients receiving care who are on insulin pump therapy and 4 adult patients on the waiting list. Portlaoise Hospital has employed an ANP in Diabetes to support the Diabetes Service and the Hospital has recently approved an additional 0.5 WTE to meet immediate needs in the Dietetic Service. A business case for a further 1 WTE has been included in Estimates and Winter Plan submission. Once approval is received recruitment will commence.

I trust that the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Knowles
General Manager