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RE: PQ 38361/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of diabetes clinics in the State, including information regarding where they are located and whether they operate on a full-time or part-time basis.

Dear Deputy Munster,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Programme (NCP) for Diabetes on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The National Clinical Programme for Diabetes carried out a comprehensive survey of Adult Diabetes services and staffing in hospitals providing outpatient diabetes care in 2018. This survey has not been updated since 2018. However, it provides details on the location of Adult Diabetes Clinics at that point in time (2018) and can be accessed at the following location:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/ncps/diabetes/resources/national-survey-of-diabetes-care-delivery-in-acute-hospitals-2018.pdf>

The National Clinical Programme for Diabetes is aware of the approval of several recent appointments (totalling 54) to HSE hospitals, comprising:

- 12 WTE Consultant Community Diabetologists;
- 12 WTE Advanced Nurse Practitioners;
- 4.5 WTE Clinical Nurse Specialists;
- 19.5 WTE Dietitians;
- 6 WTE Podiatrists.

These posts are linked to the HSE's Enhanced Community Care (ECC) Programme, in order to fill gaps in acute services and enable hospital teams better support Specialist Diabetes teams based in Ambulatory Care Hubs in the Community.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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General Manager