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Mr Cathal Crowe TD
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RE: PQ 30336/22

To ask the Minister for Health the status of the recruitment of two additional consultant endocrinologists at University Hospital Limerick whose interviews were scheduled to take place in February 2022.

Dear Deputy Crowe,

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 am pleased to advise that following successful recruitment campaigns, a Consultant Endocrinologist commenced post at University Hospital Limerick in May 2022. An additional Consultant Endocrinologist is also due to take up post in October 2022.
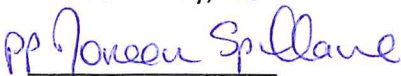
We have made positive progress recently in recruiting staff for our adult diabetic services. In December 2020, UL Hospitals Group received funding to recruit three additional dietetic posts for the treatment of adult diabetes. This funding was made available through the national clinical programme for diabetes.

The Adult Diabetes Service is also supported by a dedicated team of Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) and Staff Nurses. Four Diabetic CNS posts have been approved for University Hospital Limerick. Following recruitment campaigns, all four Clinical Nurse Specialists are now in place. There are also three Diabetic Staff Nurses in post at University Hospital Limerick.

Developing our diabetes services continues to be a core focus for UL Hospitals Group and we are committed to improving this service for our patients.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

PP Noreen Spillane

Prof Colette Cowan
Chief Executive Officer
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