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Email: pgmidwestacute@hse.ie16th November 2022Ms Kieran O'Donnell TD,
Dàil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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RE: PQ 55673/22, PQ 55671/22, PQ 55672/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent posts for consultant endocrinologists, advanced nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, staff nurses and dietitians currently in place at the University of Limerick Hospital Group's adult diabetes service in tabular form. -Kieran O'Donnell

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons attending University Limerick Hospitals Group adult diabetes service and using insulin pump therapy to manage their condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Kieran O'Donnell

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with diabetes who are awaiting their first appointment to the adult outpatients' diabetes clinic in any of the UL Hospitals Group hospitals; the number of persons waiting for time periods (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Kieran O'Donnell

Dear Deputy O'Donnell,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have been in contact with the relevant staff and I have been informed that there are currently 57 patients attending the adult diabetes service at UL Hospitals Group using insulin pump therapy to manage their condition.

Please see below for a breakdown by site of the number of endocrinologists, advanced nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, staff nurses and dietitians currently employed at UL Hospitals Group:

Role	WTE UHL	WTE Nenagh Hospital	WTE Ennis Hospital	WTE UMHL
Endocrinologists	4	-	-	-
Specialist Dieticians	2	-	-	-
Staff Grade Dietician	1	-	-	-
Clinical Nurse Specialist	4	-	1	1
Staff Nurses	3	-	-	-

We have made positive progress recently in recruiting staff for our adult diabetic services. Following successful recruitment campaigns, two Consultant Endocrinologists commenced post at University Hospital Limerick in May 2022 and October 2022.

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.

University Hospital Limerick recently became a DAFNE accredited centre. Staff training is currently taking place. We anticipate that this programme will commence before the end of the year.

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,



Prof Colette Cowan
Chief Executive Officer
UL Hospitals Group