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07th October 2022

Mr Joe Carey TD,
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RE: PQ 48508/22, PQ 48509/22

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

***To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are attending the paediatric diabetes service of University Limerick Hospitals Group and using insulin pump therapy to manage their condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Carey,

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 people attending the adult diabetes service at UL Hospitals Group using insulin pump therapy to manage their condition.

In addition, there are 249 patients actively attending the paediatric diabetes service at UL Hospitals Group, 73 of whom are using insulin pump therapy (29%) to manage their condition

We have made positive progress recently in recruiting staff for our adult diabetic services. 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.

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 in Q4 2022.



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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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Colette Cowan'.

Prof Colette Cowan
Chief Executive Officer
UL Hospitals Group

