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Ms Neasa Hourigan TD,
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Leinster House,
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RE: PQ 49927/22, PQ 49228/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent posts in consultant endocrinologists, advanced nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, staff nurses and dietitians currently in the UL Hospital Group's diabetes service and in each of the Group's hospitals in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Neasa Hourigan

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons registered to attend the UL Hospital Group adult diabetes clinics in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Neasa Hourigan

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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.

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	3	-	-	-
Specialist Dietitians	2	-	-	-
Staff Grade Dietician	1	-	-	-
Clinical Nurse Specialist	4	-	1	1
Staff Nurses	3	-	-	-

In addition, there are currently 853 patients on the outpatient diabetes waiting list at UL Hospitals Group.

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 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