



21st October, 2022

Deputy Neasa Hourigan, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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RE: PQ 49929/22

To ask the Minister for Health the frequency with which the adult diabetes clinic is run; and the number of speciality diabetes clinics that are run, including a young adult clinic, type 1 adult clinic, type 2 clinic and a diabetes podiatry clinic; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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 for Diabetes on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The National Clinical Programme (NCP) for Diabetes carried out a comprehensive survey of adult diabetes services and staffing in hospitals providing outpatient diabetes care in 2018. The report can be accessed [here](#) and will provide more details on the location of adult diabetes clinics. Page 17 of the report and table 7 (copied below) provides details on types of diabetes clinics in each hospital.

Table 7: Speciality diabetes clinics per hospital*

Hospital	Speciality clinics	Transition type 1 clinic	Young adult clinic	Type 1 diabetes clinic	Insulin pump clinic	New patient clinic	Diabetes foot clinic	Pre-pregnancy clinic	Ante-natal diabetes clinic	Diabetes renal clinic	Diabetes obesity clinic	Other
Ireland East Group												
Mater	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			
St Vincents	√		√				√					
Mullingar	√	√	√				√	√	√			
Wexford	√	√				√	√		√			
Kilkenny	√								√			
Navan	√			√		√						
St Columilles	√		√	√	√	√	√					
St Michaels	√			√	√	√						
Dublin Midlands												
St James	√		√	√	√		√			√		
Tallaght	√	√	√	√	√		√			√		
Naas	√			√	√							
Tullamore	None											
Portlaoise	√	√	√	√		√	√					√
RCSI												
Beaumont	√	√	√	√	√	√	√			√		√
Drogheda and Louth	√		√				√	√	√			√
Cavan and Monaghan	√			√								
Connolly	√	√		√	√	√	√				√	

South-South West													
Waterford*	None												
Clonmel	√		√			√			√				
Cork	√	√			√	√	√	√	√				√
Kerry	√		√	√		√		√	√				
SJVUH	√							√	√				
Bantry	√					√							
Mallow						√							
University of Limerick	√	√	√			√		√	√√				√
Saolta													
GUH	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Portinucula	None												
Mayo	√	√		√				√	√				
Sligo	√		√		√				√				
Letterkenny	√	√	√		√			√	√			√	√
Roscommon	√					√	√	√√					√

*√ (led by consultant), √(led by podiatrist) √ (Led by specialist nurse), √√ (run both consultant- led and specialist nurse- led clinics)

This survey highlighted deficits in staffing across all professions. The survey has not been updated since 2018.

The NCP Diabetes is aware of the approval of several recent appointments (54 in total) to HSE Hospitals, comprising:

- Integrated Care Consultant Endocrinologists (n=12);
- Advanced Nurse Practitioners (n=12);
- Clinical Nurse Specialists (n=4.5);
- Dietitians (n=19.5);
- Podiatrists (n=6).

These posts are linked to the Enhanced Community Care (ECC) Programme of the HSE and assist in filling gaps in acute services to enable hospital teams to 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



Anne Horgan
General Manager