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Mr Maurice Quinlivan TD,
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RE: PQ 51955/22, PQ 51956/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons attending University Limerick Hospital Group's paediatric diabetes service and using insulin pump therapy to manage their condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Maurice Quinlivan

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are waiting on a first appointment to the out-patients' diabetes clinic in the University of Limerick Hospitals group who are aged 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64 and over 65 years of age in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Maurice Quinlivan

Dear Deputy Quinlivan,

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 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

In addition, there are currently 869 patients on the outpatient diabetes waiting list at UL Hospitals Group. The below table outlines the number of persons who are waiting on a first appointment by age group as requested:

Diabetes OPWL	Count of Patient
18-24	24
25-34	42
35-44	86
45-54	164
55-64	220
Over 65	333
Total	869

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.

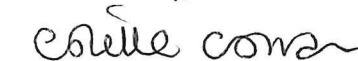
The Adult Diabetes Service is also supported by a dedicated team of Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) and Staff Nurses. Four Diabetic CNS posts have been approved for University Hospital Limerick. Following recruitment campaigns, all four Clinical Nurse Specialists are now in place. There are also three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