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**To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons attending the adult diabetes service in University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Joe Carey**

Dear Deputy Carey,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question 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 1,080 patients attended the adults outpatient diabetes clinic between January – November 2022.

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.

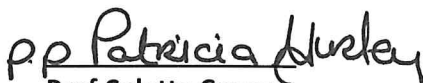
The Adult Diabetes Service is also supported by a dedicated team of Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) and Staff Nurses. Four Diabetic CNS posts have been approved for University Hospital Limerick. Following recruitment campaigns, all four Clinical Nurse Specialists are now in place. There are also three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