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Deputy Ged Nash
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Re PQ 16322/23 - To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline how many DSNs/dietitians are currently working in the diabetes clinic in Dundalk, both full-time and part-time; if these posts are solely dedicated to serving people with type 1 diabetes at the Dundalk clinic; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Ged Nash

Dear Deputy Nash,

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 examined the matter and outlined the position as follows;

This query relates to persons referred to the Community Dietitian Service whom have a Primary Diagnosis of Type 1 diabetes. In Louth Community Dietetics we follow the national guidance (HSE Model of Integrated care for patients with Type 2 Diabetes, 2018) which indicates that these person's dietetic needs are best met by the Secondary/Tertiary care Dietitian services.

Such referrals received to the Community Dietitian services are transferred to the appropriate Secondary/Tertiary care service Dietitian if known or letter sent to the referrer to advise that referral cannot be accepted by the Community Dietitian services.

For clarity, all referrals for persons referred for dietetic advice for Type 2 Diabetes are transferred to the Chronic Disease Hub Dietitian, of which there is one whole time equivalent Senior Dietitian in the North Louth Area.

Type 2 Diabetes dietary advice referrals to the Dietitian, is also outside of the remit of the Primary Care Dietitian of North Louth.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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