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Mr Marc O' Cathasaigh TD  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

**PQ 10217 - To ask the Minister for Health if University Hospital Waterford, as a level 4 hospital, has contingency plans in place for staffing of the diabetes unit to ensure adequate cover in the event of staff illness or leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy O' Cathasaigh

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 the following outlines the position.

I can confirm that University Hospital Waterford is continuing to recruit on an ongoing basis to ensure adequate staffing within the Diabetes Unit at UHW. It is regrettable that services are experiencing staff deficits but UHW is endeavouring to fill same and all options are being explored.

The following recruitment campaigns are in progress in relation to these posts:

- 1 Consultant Endocrinologist (3<sup>rd</sup>) post was recently interviewed and the candidate in is clearance with PAS.
- 1 Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP Diabetes) post was advertised twice but recruitment was unsuccessful
- 1 Senior Podiatrist Endocrinology post was advertised twice but recruitment was unsuccessful. It was also not possible to fill the post via agency.
- 1 Senior Dietician Adult Type 1 recently vacated.
- 1 Senior Dietician Integrated Care ECC (Diabetes) post was recently interviewed and is with recruitment.
- Clinical Specialist Dietician (Diabetes) awaiting primary notification from Acute Services
- Clinical Optometrist post is due to be advertised (new post to be funded by Diabetic Retinal Screening
- Clinical Photographer (Basic grade) post is due to be advertised (new post to be funded by Diabetic Retinal Screening)

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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