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

PQ 10218 - To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the current staffing of the diabetes unit at the University Hospital Waterford; if it is likely to adversely impact on the services provided to patients with diabetes; 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 the University Hospital Waterford Endocrinology Service comprises of the following:

- 2 Permanent Consultant Endocrinologists, supported by a team of 2 Registrars, 3 SHOs and 2 Interns.
- 1 Integrated Care Consultant has been appointed in a temporary capacity to support progress with the new Enhanced Community Care (ECC) plan and to progress implementation of the integrated model of care. This is a 50:50 shared post between UHW and Community services.
- 2 Diabetic Nurses (CNM2) Paediatric Service
- 1 Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Adult Service
- 1 Diabetes Midwife Specialist (CMS).
- 1 CNS (CNM2) Integrated Care Programme (Sláintecare). This is a 50:50 shared post between UHW and Community services.
- 1 Senior Dietician Paediatric Diabetes (0.8 WTE). Additionally 1 Consultant Paediatrician has a special interest in Diabetes and supports the service.

We are continuing to recruit on an ongoing basis to ensure adequate staffing within Endocrinology Services at UHW.

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

Yours sincerely,

Grace Rothwell
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