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Ms Violet-Anne Wynne TD,
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To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital admissions that occurred through the University of Limerick Hospitals Group accident and emergency or the acute medical assessment unit due to diabetic ketoacidosis in the age ranges of 18-24 years, 25-34 years, 35-44 years, 45-54 years, 55-64 years, and over 65 years of age, in each of the years 2017 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Violet-Anne Wynne

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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.

Please see below the number of hospital admissions that occurred through the Emergency Department and Medical Assessment Units at UL Hospitals Group due to hypoglycaemia by age and year, in tabular form.

Diabetic Ketoacidosis	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	TOTAL
18-24	12	15	9	12	4	11	63
25-34	10	14	11	6	9	10	60
35-44	7	24	8	10	9	7	65
45-54	8	12	8	8	8	13	57
55-64	7	12	4	10	9	7	49
>65	7	9	8	8	12	10	54
TOTAL	51	86	48	54	51	58	348

We have made positive progress recently in recruiting staff for our adult diabetic services. Following successful recruitment campaigns, two Consultant Endocrinologists commenced post at University Hospital Limerick in May 2022 and 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.

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.





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I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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