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Mr Joe Carey TD,
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Leinster House,
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PQ 1400/23, PQ 1401/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons attending the adult diabetes service in the University of Limerick Hospitals Group; and the number who attended more than once in each of the years 2019 to 2022, in tabular form. -Joe Carey

To ask the Minister for Health the frequency with which the adult diabetes clinic in the University of Limerick Hospitals Group is run; the number of speciality diabetes clinics that are run, for example, a young adult clinic, type 1 adult clinic, type 2 clinic, a diabetes podiatry clinic; 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 Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

As requested, please see below data in relation to the number of patients who attended the adult diabetes service at UL Hospitals Group between 2019-2022 and the number of patients who attended more than once.

Number of patients who attended the adult Diabetic clinics		
Year	Clinic	Attendances
2019	Young Person Diabetic Clinic	142
2019	Diabetic Clinic	1,270
2020	Young Person Diabetic Clinic	69
2020	Diabetic Clinic	603
2021	Young Person Diabetic Clinic	113
2021	Diabetic Clinic	900
2022	Young Person Diabetic Clinic	166
2022	Diabetic Clinic	1,232
Total		4,495

Number of patients who attended more than once		
Year	Clinic	Attendances
2019	Young Person Diabetic Clinic	53
2019	Diabetic Clinic	518
2020	Young Person Diabetic Clinic	11
2020	Diabetic Clinic	108
2021	Young Person Diabetic Clinic	22
2021	Diabetic Clinic	207
2022	Young Person Diabetic Clinic	38
2022	Diabetic Clinic	214
Total		1,171

In addition, below is a breakdown outlining the frequency in which the adult diabetes clinics are run by specialty at UL Hospitals Group.

Diabetes Clinics	Frequency
UHL Adult Diabetes Clinic	Every Wednesday
UHL Young Person Diabetes Clinic	1 per month
UHL Pump Clinic	2 per year
Nenagh Adult Diabetes Clinic	1 per month
St John's Adult Diabetes Clinic	1 per month
Ennis Adult Diabetes Clinic	1 per month
Podiatry Clinic	5 days per week


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.

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

Yours sincerely,



Prof Colette Cowan
Chief Executive Officer
UL Hospitals Group

