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To ask the Minister for Health the number of new insulin pump starts done in the University of Limerick Hospital Group in people aged between 0-17 years and those aged 18 years or greater, for the years 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Crowe,

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.

The below table illustrates the number patients who commenced insulin pump therapy in our paediatric diabetes service for the years requested:

	Insulin Pump Starts (paediatric diabetes service)
2019	8
2020	6
2021	9
2022	10

The adult diabetes service in University Hospital Limerick is unable to commence adult patients on insulin pumps. We are currently in the process of establishing this service, it is envisaged that we will be in a position to commence adults of insulin pumps in the last quarter of this year.

At present, we accept adult patients established on pumps from elsewhere and these patients are managed under the care of a consultant endocrinologist.

The largest group of these patients are those who have transferred from the paediatric diabetes service in UHL.



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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Colette Cowan'.

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Chief Executive Officer
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