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PQ 27046/23: To ask the Minister for Health the number of new insulin pump starts done in Saolta 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. -Cathal Crowe

Dear Deputy Crowe,

In response to your parliamentary query above I have investigated the matter and the tables below outlines the number of new pump starts for people aged between 0-17 years and those aged 18 years or older:

New insulin pump starts done in people aged 0-17 years old

Hospital	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
GUH	15	13	17	39	84
MUH	0	0	0	0	0
LUH	10	5	8	6	29*
SUH	25	11	18	9	63
PUH	0	0	3	7	10 **
RUH	0	0	0	0	0

New insulin pump starts done in people aged 18 years and over

Hospital	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
GUH	45	46	36	29	156
MUH	0	0	0	0	0
LUH	0	0	0	0	0
SUH	0	0	3	3	6
PUH	0	0	0	0	0***
RUH	0	0	0	0	0

*. There are no new insulin pumps starts at LUH in Paediatrics. Those between 0-17 years are referred to either Crumlin or SUH and once the pump is started their follow up care is in Letterkenny. The table below illustrates the number of children referred for pump starts from LUH.

** PUH commenced our own paediatric pump starts in June of 2021. Prior to this paediatric patients were transferred out to CHI for pump initiation and management. Insulin pump patients have been offered transfer back to Portiuncula from Dublin. Children under the age of five go to Galway for pump initiation as they require a two night admission and the endocrinologist is on site. They are transferred back to Portiuncula approx. 1-2 months later.

*** The adult services in PUH does not commence pump therapy. PUH are currently managing 3 clients who do combined care with another centre.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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