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PQ 29154/23: To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE advanced nurse practitioners for diabetes in pregnancy working in each maternity unit in the years of 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position on the various areas and issues you raised.

Pregnant women attending public maternity services are tested for gestational diabetes based on clinical risk profiling. If a woman is diagnosed with gestational diabetes, under the provisions of the Maternity and Infant Care Scheme these patients may have up to five additional visits to their GP. These expectant mothers will also receive additional monitoring and care management within the public maternity services.

There are 5 AMP posts for diabetes in pregnancy currently, these are located in Letterkenny, National Maternity Hospital, Cork University Maternity Hospital, The Coombe Women and Infant University Hospital and the Rotunda. However in addition to these posts, it is important to note that NWIHP has made considerable investment in this area of care for women over the last number of years.

Below is a table of these posts:

Initiative	Location	Grade
Maternity Development	Rotunda Hospital	Senior Dietician (Diabetes in pregnancy service)
Maternity Development	Rotunda Hospital	Clinical Specialist Dietician (NICU)
Maternity Development	Our Lady of Lourdes Drogheda/CHG	Senior Dietician (Diabetes in pregnancy service)
Maternity Development	Cork University Maternity Hospital	CMS Diabetes
Maternity Development	South Tipperary General	CMS Diabetes
Maternity Development	University Hospital Galway	CMS Diabetes
Maternity Development	The Coombe Women and Infant University Hospital	AMP Diabetes
Maternity Development	St Luke's General Kilkenny	CMS - Diabetes

Maternity Development	Wexford General	CMS - Diabetes
Maternity Development	Wexford General	Dietician Senior
Maternity Development	Cork University Maternity Hospital	AMP - Assisted Care Pathway / Diabetes
Maternity Development	Cork University Hospital	Uplift to Clinical specialist dietician post
Maternity Development	Portiuncula University	Clinical Midwife Specialist - Diabetes
Maternity Development	Sligo University	Clinical Midwife Specialist - Diabetes
Maternity Development	Letterkenny	Clinical Midwife Specialist - Diabetes
Maternity Development	Mayo University	Clinical Midwife Specialist - Diabetes
Maternity Development	University Maternity Hospital Limerick	Clinical Midwife Specialist – Diabetes
Maternity Development	National Maternity Hospital	AMP Diabetes

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,



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