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Mr Catherine Murphy TD,
Dàil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ 14951/23

To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to reduce the waiting list at the University Hospital Limerick diabetes outpatients clinic; the number of people currently on the waiting list; and if he will also provide the number of staff by role to include consultants assigned to the clinic. -Catherine Murphy

Dear Deputy Murphy

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.

I have been in contact with the relevant staff and I have been informed that there are currently 465 people on the outpatient diabetes waiting list.

As requested, please see below a breakdown in relation to the number of staff assigned to the clinic:

Role	Posts
Consultant Endocrinologists	4.5
Dietitians	2 Senior 1 Staff Grade
Advanced Nurse Practitioners - 1 integrated care 1 acute care	2
Clinical Nurse Manager	1.5
Clinical Nurse Specialists	4
Staff Nurses	2
Administrative Support	2

*1 Senior Dietician post currently vacant due to leave



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I am pleased to let you know that a Diabetes Day Centre will open in University Hospital Limerick in the coming months, this will play an important role in addressing wait times for this cohort of patients. In addition, we regularly hold virtual clinics in an effort to address long waiters.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Colette Cowan'.

Prof Colette Cowan
Chief Executive Officer
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