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To ask the Minister for Health how many people living with type 2 diabetes have been treated in the HSE ECC specialist ambulatory care hub in Letterkenny to date; the number of appointments provided in 2023 and 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Pringle,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Programme (NCP) for Diabetes on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

Significant resources have been allocated under the HSE's Enhanced Community Care (ECC) Programme to establish Specialist Diabetes teams within community hubs to better support GPs to manage people with complicated Type 2 diabetes.

National metrics were collected from the Donegal Errigal Specialist Ambulatory Care hub from Feb 2023 – Feb 2024 for referrals (2.4K) and contacts (>10K) and breakdown of patients seen in the hub in the all diabetes services. This data metrics collection commenced from Feb 2023.

There was a total of 2,160 Type 2 Diabetes patients referrals to the Donegal HSE ECC Errigal specialist ambulatory care hub in Letterkenny returned through the available ECC metrics from Feb 2023 – Feb 2024.

Of these 2,160 patient referrals, there was a total of 10,317 Type 2 Diabetes patient contacts across all the disciplines in the Diabetes speciality service in the hub as follows:

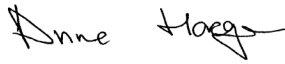
Patient contact/discipline-specialty	Count
Health & Social Care Professions (HSCPs)	4,932
Nursing Service	4,296
Self-Management Programme (Type 2 Diabetes)	602
Self-Management Programme, Best Health Weight Management Programme	352
Consultant	135
TOTAL COUNT	10,317 patient contacts



These patient contacts outlined in the table above comprised: face-to-face contacts, virtual contacts, telephone clinical contacts with the members of the Diabetes Chronic Disease Community Specialist Team and attendances by patients at the Self-Management Programmes.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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