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Mr Matt Shanahan TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 4973 - To ask the Minister for Health if University Hospital Waterford, as a model 4 hospital, has contingency plans in place for the staffing of the diabetes unit to ensure adequate cover in the event of staff illness or leave


Dear Deputy Shanahan

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 examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can advise that in the event of staff illness or leave within the Diabetes Unit at University Hospital Waterford, cover arrangements are in place where feasible. A voicemail service is an additional source of information for patients who may need access to care via GP/Emergency Department.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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