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Deputy Pádraig Mac Lochlainn,
Leinster House,
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PQ 27511/24

'To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults with Type 1 diabetes attending Letterkenny University Hospital, Mayo University Hospital and Galway University Hospital who had an annual OPD diabetes review in 2023, by hospital; the number who had no appointment in 2023, by hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Pádraig Mac Lochlainn

Dear Deputy Mac Lochlainn,

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 table below outlines the position per hospital site:

	LUH	GUH
Number of adults with type 1 diabetes who had an annual OPD diabetes review in 2023	145 ¹	1,504 ²
No. who had no appointment in 2023	129 ¹	N/A

¹ This data was collated manually by LUH.

² Please note these are attendances – patients may have a more than 1 visit in the one year. Also this is the figure for the **identified Type 1 Diabetes Clinics** – these patients can be seen at the any of the Diabetes clinics if they need to be seen urgently so above figure may be conservative.

The total number of Type 1 diabetes patients seen in GUH in 2023 is 1381.

The total number of adults with Type 1 Diabetes attending LUH is 400.

The GUH information provided for 2023 was available from the hospital's DIAMOND system, i.e., electronic diabetes system and the data available is provided in the table above. This data relates to the number of attendances.

LUH, as noted above, collated a manual record of the numbers who attended their OPD clinics.

Our electronic systems do not record OPD review appointments data.



MUH do not have a system for recording this information and are therefore unable to provide this data regarding adults with type 1 diabetes who had an annual OPD review. The hospital do not hold a review waiting/activity list and review activity is not recorded on iPMS (patient electronic system). Due to capacity issues within that service, diabetes patients may be brought into other medical clinics for review under the same consultant.

In addition to the above, there is a high number of patient interactions with our clinics which include consultant clinics visits, nurse led clinics, nurse education and telephone calls by patients and diabetes nurses.

I hope this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ann Cosgrove', written in a cursive style.

Ann Cosgrove,
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