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Deputy Cathal Crowe,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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RE: PQ Number: 27551/24

'To ask the Minister for Health the number of new insulin pump starts done in each of the hospitals within hospital groups (details supplied); and the number of those who are aged 0-18 years and greater than 18 years, for the years 2022 and 2023, in tabular form.' - Cathal Crowe

Dear Deputy Crowe,

I am writing to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

My response is outlined in the Table below.

PQ 27551/24	GUH		PUH		SUH	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
No. of NEW insulin pumps starts done within each hospital	68	101	7	8	12	18
No. of pts aged 0-18 years	39	55	7	8	9	15
No. of pts aged >18 years (Adults)	29	46	0	0	3	3

New insulin pump starts are carried out at Galway University Hospital (GUH), Portiuncula University Hospital (PUH) and Sligo University Hospital (SUH) within the Saolta Group. Once the start-up has commenced follow up treatment is also provided in both Mayo University Hospital (MUH) and Letterkenny University Hospital (LUH) to patients on insulin pumps.

Portiuncula University Hospital (PUH) commenced paediatric pump starts in June 2021 but does not commence start up pump therapy for adults. These patients are commenced in Galway.

I hope this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Cosgrove,
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