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Deputy Thomas Pringle
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

To ask the Minister for Health the number of the patients with type 1 diabetes attending the adult diabetes service in Letterkenny University Hospital have commenced insulin pump therapy; the number still on a waiting list to commence insulin pump therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Thomas Pringle

Dear Deputy,

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.

There are currently 66 patients attending pump clinics in Letterkenny University.

The Patient Pathway for this therapy is as follows:

- Patients commence their pump therapy journey in Dublin or Galway and once the therapy is established, the Team in LUH take over their care.
- We will be reviewing the potential to initiate and to introduce adult pump starts when the new Endocrinologists are in post. This will ensure strong clinical governance arrangements around this process.

Additional support to Donegal paediatric patients for pump starts is provided from Sligo with ongoing care provided from LUH.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



Seán Murphy
General Manager
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