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Deputy Cathal Crowe,
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Dear Deputy Crowe,

I refer to your correspondence dated 7th February 2025.

We are at present unable to give a precise timeline for the commencement of pump initiation for adults within our service. This is due to a significant increase in activity in the existing diabetes and endocrinology services. Additional staffing and resources particularly in dietetics will be required to commence this service, this will be partially addressed with the imminent recruitment of a further consultant in Endocrinology.

We do, however, accept patients established on pumps from elsewhere and these patients are managed under the care of a consultant endocrinologist. The largest group of these patients are those who have transferred from the paediatric diabetes service in UHL. All of our insulin pump patients are seen in University Hospital Limerick.

HSE Mid West recognises the need for additional resources within our adult diabetic services. This issue is a core focus for HSE Mid West and we are committed to improving this service for our patients. Developing services around insulin pump therapy in particular requires us to fill further specialist posts, including nursing and dietitian posts.

I trust this clarifies the position. Please contact me if you have any further queries.

Kind Regards,

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