



11 July 2025

Deputy Pádraig Mac Lochlainn, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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RE: PQ 35577/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of people with diabetes on a waiting list by hospital group, in the years 2022, 2023 and 2024; the number of those waiting less than six months, between 6-12 months, and more than 12 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Mac Lochlainn,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Advisor and Group Lead for Chronic Disease (NCAGL CD) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

Waiting times for diabetes scheduled care services are largely reported under the umbrella of endocrinology OPD waiting times and therefore the data pertaining specifically to diabetes OPD waiting times isn't available. Combined adult endocrinology and diabetes waiting list data for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024 are presented in Table 1. This data is publicly available on <https://www.ntpf.ie/enhanced-waiting-list-data/>

Table 1: Combined Endocrinology and Diabetes OPD Waiting Lists reported to NTPF

Hospital Group	Dec 2022				Dec 2023				Dec 2024			
	<6 mths	6-12 mths	>12 mths	Total	<6 mths	6-12 mths	>12 mths	Total	<6 mths	6-12 mths	>12 mths	Total
Dublin Midlands Hospital Group ¹	1092	586	723	2401	1306	412	226	1944	1278	269	108	1655
Ireland East Hospital Group ²	2681	1623	3384	7688	2455	1632	4865	8952	2711	1570	5649	9930
RCSI Hospital Group ³	2031	763	73	2867	1991	1002	0	2993	2112	622	229	2963
Saolta Hospital Group ⁴	1085	811	1610	3506	1256	640	704	2600	1558	220	44	1822
South Southwest Hospital Group ⁵	1357	650	910	2917	1797	940	731	3468	1914	1041	633	3588
UL Hospital Group ⁶	521	241	443	1205	543	205	77	825	522	248	209	979

Date relates to the following hospitals with endocrinology and /or diabetes waiting lists reported to NTPF:

1. DMGH: TUH, St James, Portlaoise, Tullamore (excludes NGH where these patients are on general medicine waiting list)
2. IEHG: SVUH, MMUH, St Michael's Hospital, St Columcille's Hospital, Navan General Hospital, MRHM, WGH.
3. RCSI HG: OLOL Hospital, Beaumont Hospital, CGH, LGH, Connolly Hospital
4. Saolta HG: GUH, SUH, LUH, PUH and RUH (excludes MUH where these patients are on general medicine waiting list)
5. SSWHG: CUH, SIVUH, MGH, BGH, UHK, TUH and UHW
6. ULHG: UL



Since 2022, 30 Diabetes Community Specialist Teams (CSTs) have been established and work alongside Respiratory and Cardiology Community Specialist Teams to deliver the Model of Integrated Care for the Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease.

Implementation of the Modernised Care Pathways (MCPs) are key element of achieving the model and are being implemented since July 2023 across a number of these teams.

A key element of this model is the role of the Integrated Care Consultants who work 50% in the acute setting and 50% in the community setting. Through implementing these pathways referrals can be redirected from OPD to the Diabetes CSTs and new referrals from GPs can go directly to the CSTs, avoiding OPD.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Anne Horgan
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