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Mr. Gerald Nash T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Question 12116/25 *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of diabetes specialist nurses/dietitians/chiropodists/psychologists presently working in Dundalk diabetes clinic; if these posts are specifically dedicated for people with type 1 and type 2 or other types of diabetes; if they are located exclusively in Dundalk; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”*

Parliamentary Question 12111/25 *“To ask the Minister for Health to report on the waiting times for appointments for existing type 1 diabetes patients and newly diagnosed type 1 diabetes patients at the Dundalk Clinic; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”*

Parliamentary Question 12115/22 *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of hours in Louth County Hospital, Dundalk, allocated to the newly appointed endocrinologist; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”*

Dear Deputy Nash,

HSE Dublin and North East 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. Having reviewed the matter, the following outlines the position.

Diabetes services in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda and Louth County Hospital provide care to include specialised clinics for both adult and pediatric populations.

Please see below table outlining the whole time equivalent (WTE) for the staff type requested;

Staff Type	Quantity (WTE)
Diabetic Clinical Nurse Specialist	2
Candidate Clinical Nurse Specialist	1
Advanced Nurse Practitioners	2
Senior Podiatrists (Diabetes)	2
Senior Dietitian	1

Psychology services are available within the community diabetic service.

Please see below table outlining the waiting list status for type 1 diabetic patients in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda and Louth County Hospital;



	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months
No. Of Patients	104	49	37

Recent appointment of one whole time equivalent Endocrinologist across Louth Meath Integrated Health Area.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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