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**PQ 22961/25**

Dear Deputy Sheehan,

I refer to your correspondence dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025.

University Hospital Limerick became a Dose Adjustment For Normal Eating (DAFNE) accredited centre in 2023.

This education programme gives patients with diabetes the necessary skills around insulin administration.

The aim of the course is to improve health outcomes for type 1 diabetes patients by providing well-structured information and guidance.

Please see below details of training provided to staff:

- DAFNE educator training was provided to diabetes dietitians.
- DAFNE revalidation course undertaken by one dietitian in 2024.
- There has been DAFNE educator attendance at DAFNE network meetings and webinars throughout the year.
- One administration staff member completed DAFNE training in November 2023.
- There are currently three certified DAFNE trainers in UHL.

A number of UHL doctors have also trained in DAFNE. We also have doctors on the specialist register in endocrinology and diabetes mellitus, with experience in insulin pump management.

In 2023, dietitians attended a two-day course on insulin pump therapy delivered by Leicester Diabetes Team.

Kind Regards,

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