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Mr. Ruairí Ó Murchú, T.D. Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street. Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question "To ask the Minister for Health the range and nature of diabetes services available to Louth based adults and children at hospitals; if she plans to improve the diabetes service currently serving adults and children in Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

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.

The diabetes service in the Louth Hospitals accepts referrals from residents of Louth, Meath, North Dublin, Cavan and Monaghan.

The adult diabetes service currently cares for more than 5,000 patients, including over 550 people living with type 1 diabetes.

The paediatric diabetes service provides care to approximately 200 young people with type 1 diabetes. An Insulin Pump Therapy service commenced in June 2024, further enhancing treatment options for children and their families.

The service delivers a comprehensive range of diabetes care through collaborative. multidisciplinary team working with and for the patient. The diabetes team includes consultant endocrinologists, diabetes nurse specialists, dietitians, podiatrists, midwife specialists, a consultant paediatrician, and a consultant obstetrician.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,