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To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with diabetes as of 31 January 2022, who are waiting on a first appointment to the adult outpatients diabetes clinic in any of the University of Limerick Hospital Group of hospitals; the number of persons waiting for time periods (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details supplied: 6 to 12 months, 12 to 18 months, 18 to 24 months, 2 to 4 years, 4-5 years, 5-6 years, 6-7 years, respectively,

Dear Deputy O'Dea,

The Health Service Executive 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.

Please see below for a breakdown of the number of persons who are currently waiting for a first appointment at an outpatients diabetes clinic at UL Hospitals Group:

Time Waiting	Number on List
0-6 months	58
6-12 months	72
12-18 months	47
18-24 months	57
2-4 years	205
4-5 years	101
5-6 years	28
6-7 years	5
Total	573

We have made positive progress recently in recruiting staff for our adult diabetic services. A second consultant endocrinologist took up post on the 1st October 2020. In addition, two further consultant endocrinology posts have been approved for University Hospital Limerick. These posts have been advertised and interviews have recently taken place.

In December 2020, UL Hospitals Group received funding to recruit three additional dietetic posts for the treatment of adult diabetes. This funding was made available through the national clinical programme for diabetes. These posts include two senior dieticians and one staff grade dietician. These posts have now been filled.

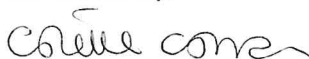


The Adult Diabetes Service is also supported by a dedicated team of Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) and Staff Nurses. Four Diabetic CNS posts have been approved for University Hospital Limerick. Following recruitment campaigns, all four Clinical Nurse Specialists are now in place. There are also three Diabetic Staff Nurses in post at University Hospital Limerick.

Developing our diabetes services continues to be a core focus for UL Hospitals Group and we are committed to improving this service for our patients.

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

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer
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