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Deputy Pauline Tully Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

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PQ 16505/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children from counties Cavan and Monaghan with type 1 diabetes that are currently being referred to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda and Temple Street Hospital for the provision of insulin pump therapy; the reason these children require onward referral to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda or Temple Street Hospital as insulin pump therapy is available in Cavan General Hospital since Q4 2023. -Pauline Tully

Dear Deputy Tully,

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.

Acute Operations contacted RCSI Hospital Group and Children's Health Ireland (CHI) for information to respond to your question.

RCSI Hospital Group have advised:

24 paediatric patients of Cavan and Monaghan Hospital have been referred to Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda for insulin pumps.

Following an expansion of the specialised paediatric diabetic care team within the RCSI Hospital Group and cross-site engagement from existing staff, a new pathway of care for children and young people with Type 1 Diabetes was implemented in Cavan & Monaghan Hospital for the provision of Insulin Pump Therapy in Q4, 2023 which is a managed service with Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda.

CHI Hospital Group have advised:

CHI at Temple Street have advised that there are no children from counties Cavan and Monaghan with type 1 diabetes currently being referred for the provision of insulin pump therapy.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Nessa Lynch

General Manager

Acute Operations