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Mr. Ruairi O'Murchu T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question 33094/23 *"To ask the Minister for Health the range and nature of diabetes services available to Louth-based adults and children at hospitals; if there are plans to improve the diabetes service currently serving adults and children in Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Ruairí Ó Murchú"*

Dear Deputy O'Murchu,

The RCSI Hospital Group 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 Consultant-Led Diabetes Clinics in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda and Louth County Hospital provide diabetes care to include specialised clinics for both adult and pediatric populations.

For adults, there are clinics focused on type 1 and type 2 diabetes, along with services dedicated to diabetes management in pregnancy. Additionally, a structured education course for adults with type 1 diabetes, specifically the DAFNE program, is offered remotely. There is also ongoing provision for insulin infusion pumps and hybrid closed-loop therapy for adults with type 1 diabetes.

For pediatric patients, the services include dedicated clinics, both consultant-led and nurse-led, that accommodate the unique needs of young patients with diabetes.

Advance Nurse Practitioners conduct insulin pump assessment clinics and training sessions and post-insulin pump review clinics.

The nursing services ensure daily reviews of inpatients, while the podiatry service operates across sites to treat diabetic foot disease in adult patients.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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