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Deputy Cathal Crowe,
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*** To ask the Minister for Health the total number of people attending the diabetes clinics in each of the South/South West Hospitals (Cork University Hospital, University Hospital Waterford, Kerry General Hospital, Mercy University Hospital, South Tipperary General Hospital, South Infirmity Victoria University Hospital, Bantry General Hospital and Mallow General Hospital) who are using insulin pumps; how many insulin pump users are aged between 0-18 years and greater than 18 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter***

- Deputy Cathal Crowe

Dear Deputy Crowe,

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. We have examined the matter and the following outlines the position with regard to the Hospitals in the South/South West Hospital Group

Total Numbers of Patients Attending Diabetes Clinics Using Insulin Pumps		
HOSPITAL	Age 0-18	Age 18 +
	January 2024 – End of May 2024	January 2024 – End of May 2024
Cork University Hospital	54	145
South Infirmity-Victoria University Hospital	0	22
Mercy University Hospital	0	3
Bantry General Hospital	0	0
Mallow General Hospital	0	0
University Hospital Kerry	0	0

Cork University Hospital (CUH) have advised that since 2023, CUH provides all paediatric diabetes care for children aged 0-16 years across the South / Southwest Hospital Group. This includes the transfer of children with newly diagnosed type 1 diabetes from Clonmel to CUH at diagnosis. Children diagnosed with type 1 diabetes in University Hospital Kerry will be seen within 2 weeks from diagnosis by the paediatric diabetes team at CUH. Outreach clinics are provided by the CUH team in Clonmel and Kerry, to provide specialist outpatient care closer to home.

South Infirmary-Victoria University Hospital have also advised that from September 2024 they have an additional 4 patients Age 18+ due to commence on pumps in September 2024.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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