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To ask the Minister for Health the total number of people attending the diabetes clinics in each of the UL Hospitals (in each of University Hospital Limerick, Ennis Hospital, Nenagh Hospital and St. John's Hospital) who are using insulin pumps; how many insulin pump users are attending the paediatric diabetes centre and how many are attending the adult diabetes centre in each hospital, in tabular form;; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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.

There are currently 65 adult and 119 paediatric patients who attend the diabetes service at University Hospital Limerick for insulin pump therapy.

Separately, I'm pleased to let you know that a Diabetes Day Care Centre is now open at University Hospital Limerick providing a dedicated unit for the assessment and management of people living with diabetes in the Mid-West region.

People living with diabetes attend the centre for both urgent and planned visits to meet diabetes-related needs outside of routine scheduled care.

This allows patients to access a full multi-disciplinary team including specialist diabetes nurses/advanced nurse practitioners, dietitians, podiatrists, psychologists, non-consultant hospital doctors, endocrinologists and administration staff.

It also provides comprehensive care for patients requiring follow-up care in addition to their routine annual diabetes review (e.g. recurrent hypoglycaemia, intensive treat-to-target patients, newly diagnosed patients requiring close follow-up for rapid treatment adjustment, application of continuous glucose monitoring systems, and crisis appointments).



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

Yours sincerely,

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