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Deputy Cathal Crowe,
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*** To ask the Minister for Health the number of new insulin pump starts done in each of the hospitals within hospitals (details supplied); and the number of those who are aged 0-18 years and greater than 18 years, for 2022 and 2023, in tabular form**

Details Supplied: South/South West Hospitals Group (Cork University Hospital, Kerry General Hospital, Mercy University Hospital, South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital, Bantry General Hospital and Mallow General Hospital)*

- 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

Number of New Insulin Pump Starts				
HOSPITAL	Age	Age	Age	Age
	0-18	18+	0-18	18+
	2022	2022	2023	2023
Cork University Hospital	0	30	0	75
South Infirmary-Victoria University Hospital	0	0	0	1
Mercy University Hospital	0	0	0	1
Bantry General Hospital	0	0	0	0
Mallow General Hospital	0	0	0	0
University Hospital Kerry	0	0	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. CUH Paediatric Diabetes are extremely efficient

and proactive in issuing Insulin Pumps with outreach clinics being provided by the CUH team in Clonmel and Kerry, to provide specialist outpatient care closer to home.

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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