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Deputy Thomas Pringle Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

To ask the Minister for Health the number of times the critical lack of care for diabetes patients in Letterkenny University Hospital has been notified onto the hospitals risk register in each of the past four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Thomas Pringle

Dear Deputy,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

There have been no incidents recorded on the HSE National Risk Register regarding critical lack of care for diabetes patients.

Whilst there is not a specific risk register item dedicated solely to diabetes, the significant risks associated with recruitment and retention and accommodation constraints are both clearly highlighted within our top 10 risks. Lack of space and staffing with respect to diabetes is included as with other services on the risk register,

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Seán Murphy General Manager

Letterkenny General Hospital