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Mr Alan Kelly,
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Re: PQ 3832/21

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of recruiting two additional full-time diabetic CNS posts for St. John's Hospital and Ennis. -Alan Kelly

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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 been in contact with the relevant staff and I can inform you that the estimated full-year cost of recruiting two additional full-time diabetic Clinical Nurse Specialist posts for St John's Hospital and Ennis Hospital is €160,418.39. Two Clinical Nurse Specialist posts have been approved for University Hospital Limerick and are currently being progressed by the HSE's National Recruitment Service.

In addition, in December 2020, UL Hospitals Group received confirmation of funding to recruit three additional dietetic posts for the treatment of adult diabetes. This funding has been made available through the national clinical programme for diabetes.

We will shortly commence the recruitment process for these three posts. We will be able to provide a more precise timeline on when we expect successful candidates to take up posts in the near future.

We can also confirm that we have received approval for an additional Consultant Endocrinologist to work with the adult service. This will bring to three the total number of Consultant Endocrinologists working across UL Hospitals Group.

I trust this clarifies the position. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



Colette Cowan
Chief Executive Officer
UL Hospitals Group