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Deputy Seamus Healy TD  
Dáil Éireann  
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**PQ 14077/18: To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish nationwide Parkinson's nurse specialist service and surgical service; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Healy,

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.

**Response:**

A proposal developed by the National Clinical Programme for Neurology to develop an all-island Deep Brain Stimulation Service for patients with Parkinson's Disease has been approved. This will see multidisciplinary peri and post operative support for patients provided through the Dublin Neurological Institute at the Mater Hospital.

The supporting posts associated with this new service include 2 Clinical Nurse Specialists

Work is underway with respect to developing supporting care pathways and job descriptions for the associated posts. It is anticipated that the service will be operational by mid 2018

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

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