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Deputy Michael Healy- Rae,  
Sandymount,  
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RE: 15553/19

**\* To ask the Minister for Health the services provided to persons in County Kerry that suffer from Parkinson's disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Michael Healy Rae**

Dear Deputy Healy- Rae,

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.

The Parkinson Disease service for the Southern region is provided by Acute Hospitals in Cork University Hospital and Waterford University Hospital. University Hospital Waterford (UHW) in partnership with the Community Service has established the 'Waterford Integrated Care for Older Persons', a Multidisciplinary Parkinson's disease clinic. The clinic takes place on a weekly basis on the grounds of the hospital in Waterford.

Patients with Parkinson's disease living in Kerry access Parkinson's Services via the Neurology and Geriatric Services in University Hospital Kerry. Parkinson's patients are seen by a University Hospital Kerry Consultant at either the Neurology outpatient clinic or the Geriatric Medicine outpatient clinic. However, there is currently no specialist Parkinson's disease clinic in University Hospital Kerry.

Patients are referred onwards from these clinics to community physiotherapy, occupational therapy and speech and language therapy as required.

South/ South West Hospital Group are currently advertising a post for another Consultant Geriatrician in University Hospital Kerry.

Specialist Neurology Services in Cork University Hospital and Mercy University Hospital also provide services to those living in Kerry with Parkinson's disease.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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