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24th December, 2019

**Deputy Danny Healy Rae, TD,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare St, Dublin 2**

PQ Number: 51360/19

Dear Deputy Healy Rae,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) – South (Cork & Kerry) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this office for response.

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the reason multiple sclerosis IV treatment is not available in the public hospital at University Hospital Kerry and is only available privately at a private hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Danny Healy-Rae

Please be advised UHK is funded for neurology outpatient services only. There is no inpatient neurology service. Inpatient services for the SSWH region are provided in Cork University Hospital. (Multiple sclerosis fall under the remit of neurology).

I trust this response is to your satisfaction; should you have any further queries however, please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely,



**Fearghal Grimes
General Manager
University Hospital Kerry**