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Mr James Browne TD
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 41748 - To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the creation of a neuro-nurse at University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Browne

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.

I can confirm that University Hospital Waterford is currently finalising a Business Case for the Development of Integrated Multidisciplinary Neurology Care in the South East. This Business Case is currently under the review of the General Manager / Multi-Disciplinary Medical Team and will be finalised at Hospital level and forwarded to South / South West Hospital Group in November 2019.

The business case aims to address identified risks and priority service gaps within the HSE-SE Regional Neurology Service based at University Hospital Waterford, which includes deficits in terms of multidisciplinary team resources (including specialist nurse and therapy led services), and variance in access to specialist neurology services.

Aligned with the NCP Neurology Programmes and the National Integrated Care Programme, the proposed new Integrated Multidisciplinary Neurology Team will be able to maximise opportunities to deliver safe, timely and efficient healthcare for patients with acute and chronic presentations of neurological disorders and optimise the health and wellbeing of these patients within a patient centred, integrated service delivery approach.

The dedicated multidisciplinary Neurology Team will have a focus on supporting patients to live well in their home and community, shifting care provision to primary care and achieving a reduction in the total economic cost of managing patients with chronic neurological conditions.

The integrated service will address general neurology service needs and will also have a specific focus on service provision for patients with Epilepsy and Multiple Sclerosis, as two of most prevalent chronic neurological conditions.

I trust the above is satisfactory but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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