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Ms. Niamh Smyth, TD
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

Re: PQ ref 43891/19 12 week Parkinson's Physio programme provided by Physiotherapists at Cavan General Hospital - it's underway at the moment.

Dear Deputy Smyth,

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.

The Parkinson's class run by the Physiotherapy department is a joint initiative between Acute Hospitals, Primary Care and Social Care. Each set of classes runs for 6 weeks and there are 2 sets of classes (2 x 6 weeks) at each of 3 sites across Cavan Monaghan e.g. Cavan General Hospital, Adult Physical and Sensory Disability team in Corlurgan Cavan and Monaghan Primary Care Centre in Monaghan town. It is open to all patients with a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease in Cavan/Monaghan.

The Parkinson's class has been very effective and feedback from patients is very positive. It would be ideal to run additional classes throughout the year or to have the class running on a rolling basis. Unfortunately due to service staffing levels it is not possible to increase the current number of classes, or extend the location in Cavan Monaghan over the next 12 months.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dermot".

Dermot Monaghan,
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