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06th August 2020

Mr Richard O'Donoghue TD,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: PQ 17694/20

*** To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding funding for neurology services at University Hospital Limerick - Richard O'Donoghue.**

Dear Deputy O'Donoghue,

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.

Following further clarification from you on the 22nd July 2020 I have broken down our response to focus on funding for resources, equipment and service developments within the Neurology Department.

Neurology Services Resources:

- Epilepsy CNS recruited in 2019
- Additional Neurology Registrar commenced in July 2020
- Additional Parkinson's CNS has been recruited and is due to start in August 2020
- Multiple Sclerosis CNS has been recruited

Neurology Services Equipment:

UL Hospitals Group Medicine Directorate have received no requests for the purchase of equipment from the Neurology service in 2018 / 2019.

Neurology service developments:

With the recruitment of the additional resources as outlined above it allows for patients with Epilepsy, Parkinsons and MS to receive the most appropriate care possible in a more timely manner. We have also developed an admission avoidance pathway for appropriate neurology patients who can attend appointments in University Hospital Limerick's Rapid Access Medical Unit. Finally, patients are also being seen virtually by Neurology consultants.



Working together, caring for you

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I trust this clarifies the position. Please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colette Cowan', written over a horizontal line.

Colette Cowan
Chief Executive Officer
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