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Deputy Louise O'Reilly TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ No11889/20:** To ask the Minister for Health if there will be additional investment in neurological services; and if patients suffering from Parkinson's disease will be provided with biannual access to neurologists.

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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.

**Response:**

Capacity in outpatient clinics has decreased with Covid 19 precautions and social distancing measures in place, this is impacting on access times. However, Neurology centers and the Multidisciplinary teams and Neurologists working within will continue to triage all referrals of those with Parkinson's Disease and continue to assess patients and provide the support, intervention and treatment as and when required. In some cases, in order to continue to facilitate ongoing outpatient care in a safe and efficient manner, alternative approaches maybe used such as virtual consultations/clinics. I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Emma Benton'.

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**Emma Benton**

**General Manager**

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