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**PQ 61039/21 To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a schedule of neurology nurse specialists by location in the State; and his plans to engage with the HSE with a view to the provision of increased capacity and resourcing in this specialist area. -Catherine Murphy 22/12/21**

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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:

This level of information is not routinely collected in the manner requested by the Deputy however the National Clinical Programme for Neurology (NCPN) in conjunction with the Neurological Alliance of Ireland (NAI) completed an all-Ireland survey of neurological services in 2020. See below data from this survey:

Hospital Name	No of CNS (WTE)	No of ANP (WTE)
Cork University Hospital	2	2
Galway University Hospital	2	2
Mater	5	1
Sligo	1	2
St James Hospital	2	2
Tallaght University Hospital	3	0.5
St Vincent's University Hospital	1	3
University Hospital Limerick	3	0

Beaumont Hospital	5	5
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Additionally the NCPN has submitted New Service Development Estimates for an additional 16 clinical nurse specialists and advanced nurse practitioners in 2022, across different specialties and hospital groups. NCPN is currently awaiting the outcome of this estimates process

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,



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