

**22nd November 2021**

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**Re: PQ 57177/21 – Neurology nurses, MMUH**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the action he is taking to provide 100 additional neurology nurse specialists across Ireland; his plans to add eight extra nurses for the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital in which the numbers fall short of current international guidelines of 14 and patients are waiting longer for diagnosis and treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking an update regarding neurology nurse specialists in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital has one full-time Neurology Nurse Specialist Post. Extra posts have been submitted to the HSE for funding as part of Neurology Service development plan.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely



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