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Dear Deputy Mac Sharry,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Public Representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Response:

Currently in the Neurology Service we have 2 Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) in Epilepsy, 3 Clinical Nurse Specialist in neurology (1 vacant on maternity leave). There is also 1 candidate Advanced Nurse Practitioner (cANP) Movement Disorders employed through CHO services, working across both Sligo University Hospital and Sligo / Leitrim community services.

Neurology Services across the North West continues to face significant demands and additional nurse specialist posts approved will be of significant benefit for improving access and care for patients.

I trust that this addresses your query.

Yours sincerely,

Grainne McCann, Hospital Manager.