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RE: PQ 19059/22

To ask the Minister for Health the total number of epilepsy nurses for one-to-one care in the State; the number who are serving in Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Farrell,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Programme for Neurology (NCPN) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The total number of epilepsy nursing whole time equivalents (WTE) in Ireland is 20.7WTE, as of October 2021. In addition to this, the Sláintecare Integration Fund (SIF) funded 1 WTE nursing post based in Dublin Midlands Hospital Group and this post has now been mainstreamed.

With reference to Galway specifically, there are two WTE funded Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) posts based in University Hospital Galway. It is anticipated that funding to create an Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) post in University Hospital Galway will be sought in 2022/2023.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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General Manager