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Deputy Thomas Gould Dail Eireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

"To ask the Minister for Health the services that are available in Cork for children with epilepsy"

Dear Deputy Gould

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.

Children with epilepsy attending Cork University Hospital currently have access to the following supports and services:

- Consultant Paediatric Neurologist x 2
- Epilepsy CNS x 2
- Hospital Diagnostics access to MRI, CT, Neurophysiology (Telemetry EEG is in development)
- HSCP Departmental supports the HSCP services see children as referred by the Consultant Paediatric Neurologist – Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Dietetics, Speech & Language Therapy, Medical Social Work and Psychology (these services are not specifically dedicated to children with epilepsy)
- Outpatient Clinics and In-Patient/Day Case beds when required
- The ANP post is currently vacant

• A third CNS post is currently progressing

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,

Dr. Gerard O'Callaghan Interim Chief Executive Officer