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“To ask the Minister for Health his views on a campaign by an association (Neurological Association of Ireland) and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae

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.

There are currently 5 Neurology Nurse Specialists in Cork University Hospital.

In relation to the overall Neurology Service - The Consultant Applications Advisory Committee (CAAC) recently approved two Neurology Consultant posts and both posts are now being progressed:

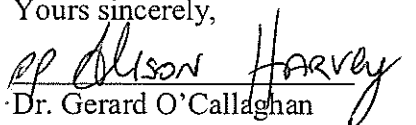
In addition:

- A second Consultant Neurophysiologist was recently appointed in CUH.
- An initiative to convene ‘after hours’ OPD Clinics to address long waiters is also under discussion.

Notwithstanding the recommendations from the Neurological Alliance of Ireland, all funded Neurology Nurse Specialist posts in CUH are filled. No funding has been made available to date for additional Neurology Nurse Specialists posts for CUH.

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