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Re. **PQ 8405/22**: To ask the Minister for Health the support and services in place for persons who have had a brain tumour as it is seriously impacting on their ongoing health; the facilities that are in place for ongoing care and support in this situation.

Dear Deputy Fleming

The National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above PQ.

Beaumont hospital is the national centre and main provider of continuing care and support for patients with brain tumours. The Medical Oncology service in Beaumont is the main provider of services and ongoing care for patients with primary brain cancer. These patients are managed long term via the Medical Oncology Day Unit. Currently the Medical Oncology Neuro-Oncology Service (MONOS) is covered by the pre-existing Oncology services. This includes input from physiotherapy, occupational therapy and social work. These Health and Social Care Professionals work together to address the physical, sensory and cognitive impairments of patients and address functional needs. There has been an increase in patients being referred and needing these services. The NCCP plan to support the addition of Health and Social Care Professionals to support these patients through the annual services plan. In addition, there is a Neuro-oncology service in Cork University Hospital which includes the full patient pathway.

Yours sincerely



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