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Mr. Johnny Mythen TD
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PQ 36049/22

To ask the Minister for Health the services that are available for those living with Parkinson's disease in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 36050/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of Parkinson's disease nurse specialists or an advanced nurse practitioners in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Mythen,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which were submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following composite reply outlines the current position.

I can confirm that there is no specialist nursing staff within primary care.

Once an individual has a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease their GP refers them to the Geriatrician working within the Day Hospital in Wexford General Hospital.

The Day Hospital for Older Persons offers a multi-disciplinary team assessment for the client with Parkinson's disease. Prior to Covid-19, the Day Hospital ran a Parkinson's Group which unfortunately is currently on hold.

The Parkinson's Association, which is a local community group provides support to people living with Parkinson's disease and their families e.g. exercise classes, coffee mornings and information sessions.

Regarding access to primary care services, all referrals are accepted as a priority to therapy services, including Speech & Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mairead Brophy', written over a horizontal line.

Mairead Brophy
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