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Deputy Sean Sherlock Dail Eireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

To ask the Minister for Health if he will fund extra neurology nurses at Cork University Hospital.

Dear Deputy Sherlock

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 five (5) Neurology Nurse Specialists employed in Cork University Hospital. A Candidate Advanced Nurse Practitioner for Epilepsy, is currently going through the recruitment process.

In relation to the overall Neurology Service an additional two (2) Consultant Neurologist posts for CUH have recently been approved by the Consultant Applications Advisory Committee (CAAC)

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.

All funded Neurology Nurse Specialist posts in CUH are filled.

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