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Re: PQ 12902/22 – Neurology nurse specialists, MMUH

“To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Mater Misericordiae University is currently operating with a shortage of neurology nurse specialists; the estimated cost of an additional eight neurology nurse specialists; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Gannon,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question seeking information regarding neurology nurse specialists in Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, which has been referred to the Ireland East Hospital Group for direct response.

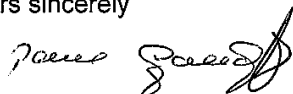
I have had this matter examined and am advised that 4 Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS) and 2 Student Nurses (SN) worked in Neurology in 2016 in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital. The 2 Student Nurses were funded separately via the Dublin Neurological Institute (DNI).

In 2018, two additional CNS posts were ratified for the Deep Brain Stimulation Service – which provided a total of 6 Clinical Nurse Specialists. The Dublin Neurological Institute funding for the 2 Student Nurse posts ceased. This remains the staffing complement in 2021.

A business case was submitted seeking additional resources – including 2 Advanced Nursing Practitioners (ANP), 3 Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNP) and a Staff Nurse. I trust this information is of assistance to you.

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Yours sincerely



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