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PQ 16114/22- Deputy Dara Calleary-To ask the Minister for Health if he will commit to appointing extra epilepsy nurse specialists to cater specifically for epilepsy and epilepsy management in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Calleary,

Thank you for your representation which I have been asked to provide you with a response. Under the direction of the office of Clinical Design and Innovation, the National Epilepsy Care Programme has been charged with addressing the historic deficiencies in epilepsy care through a comprehensive change programme that delivers care from cradle to grave in epilepsy.

This programme has three core objectives:

1. Improving access to expert care and information.
2. Improving the quality of care across the healthcare spectrum from prevention, through managed primary care to complex surgical care for difficult epilepsy
3. To improve value conscious care by shifting care where possible from expensive hospital based care to the community

The National Clinical Programme for Epilepsy has a vision for the delivery of epilepsy care in Ireland. This vision is to provide the best patient centered care for all people with epilepsy in the right place, at the right time, sharing the best available information.

In the event that there is a resource deficits are identified the process for seeking funding for these posts either in the community or the hospital setting is via the national service planning process submissions to the Department of Health.

I hope this provides you with assistance.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sharon Hayden', written in a cursive style.

Sharon Hayden
General Manager
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