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Deputy Jackie Cahill,
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****To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that a Parkinson's specialist nurse is provided to patients in the south-east region particularly south Tipperary as it is clear that this resource is missing in the area, and it is required in order to provide the highest standard of care to Parkinson's patients in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter****

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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. We have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Tipperary University Hospital (TippUH) is working closely with South /South West Hospital Group for the provision of Neurology Services in TippUH which will improve the quality of care patients receive attending TippUH. TippUH have submitted a business case in consultation with the Neurology Lead in Cork University Hospital (CUH) for consideration to appoint a Consultant Neurologist , Clinical nurse Specialist to operate as part of a hub and spoke model which is part of the Neurology Service CUH. The business case is currently under consideration in line with the National Clinical Programme for Neurology and appropriate funding streams.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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