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PQ Ref. 26016 /22 To ask the Minister for Health when the nine neurology nurses specialists needed in University Hospital Galway will be recruited; if his attention has been drawn to patients that are unnecessarily waiting longer for diagnosis and treatment as a result of this shortfall in the western regional centre for neurology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Seán Canney

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Dear Deputy Canney,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the request for information referenced above, the following outlines the situation.

I wish to advise that 2 of the 3 additional Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) Neurology Nurses, which will bring us up to 6.96 WTE in total, are already in place and the 3rd is due to commencing in June.

No further recruitment is pending.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Kane

General Manager

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