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Deputy Michael Healy-Rae Dail Eireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

To ask the Minister for Health the reason that there is no dedicated Parkinson's consultant or team available in Cork University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae

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 positon.

All the Neurology Consultants in Cork University Hospital have experience in the diagnosis and management of Parkinson's Disease. The Consultants manage people with Parkinson's disease and also liaise with other centres regarding access to more high tech treatments such as Deep Brain Stimulation.

A Parkinson's Clinical Nurse Specialist commenced in post in October 2022.

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,

Mr. David Donegan

Chief Executive Officer