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REF: PQ 46971/22

RE: To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with the HSE to ensure that the current staffing numbers for neurology nurse specialists in the neurology department in University Hospital Galway is addressed given that patients are unnecessarily waiting longer for diagnosis and treatment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Fitzmaurice

As currently there is only 4 and with a large catchment area, national and international guidelines recommend that there should be 13 neurology nurse specialists.

Dear Deputy Fitzmaurice,

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

I wish to advise there is a Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) approval for six Neurology Nurses in GUH. Five of these Nurses are already in place and one who has been recently recruited is currently being processed by HR with a start date to be confirmed.

No further recruitment is pending.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Kane
General Manager
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