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Deputy Jackie Cahill,
Parnell Street,
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PQ Ref 16351/23

**** To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the provision of a Parkinson's nurse specialist for Waterford and Tipperary University Hospitals, following a funding allocation under Budget 2023 for the provision of 22 neurologist speciality nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter*.***

- Deputy Jackie Cahill

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.

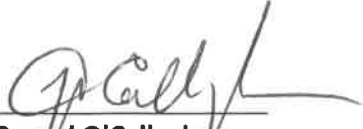
University Hospital Waterford (UHW) have 1 Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) approved permanent Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) Neurology post which was filled in a permanent capacity up to the substantive postholder's resignation at the end of October 2022.

UHW advertised for a permanent CNS Neurology post in November 2022 to backfill but unfortunately received no applications. UHW have advised that following review and discussion with management it has been decided to amend the eligibility criteria from a CNS to a Clinical Nurse Manager 2 (CNM2). UHW have advised the post will be re-advertised in the coming weeks.

Tipperary University Hospital (TippUH) advertised for a Neurology Clinical Nurse Specialist Post in November 2022. There were no applications received for this post. The Human Resource Department TippUH have advised that that this post will be re-advertised again in the coming weeks.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. O'Callaghan', written over a horizontal line.

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