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Deputy David Cullinane
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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PQ 34118/23: To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the current number of epilepsy nurse specialists, neurologists and associated team members currently attached to epilepsy adult and paediatric services across the country; the hospitals/hospital group to which they are attached; the number of vacancies currently within each of these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.
- David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 am advised that the HSE does not have a specific grade of Epilepsy Nurse Specialist. We do not possess details on the number of staff currently attached to epilepsy adult and paediatric services across the country as data at this level is not currently held centrally.

Details of vacancies across the organisation are not currently held centrally, therefore unfortunately we are not in a position to provide the information you request. Staff are recruited by local services, through national recruitment initiatives and through external agencies by the HSE and Section 38 Voluntary Hospitals and agencies.

Yours sincerely,

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