



24th July 2023

Ms Carol Nolan
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Nolan,

Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the below Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister of Health.

PQ 34606 - To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on the funding he has provided specifically to support patients with a diagnosis of multiple system atrophy in the midlands region; and if he will make a statement on the matter).

Please be advised that the only new service in our region with a dedicated role in the management of patients with MSA is a new full time candidate Advanced Nurse Practitioner who has been appointed recently in TUH.

There are a number of other initiatives within the department to advance the care of these patients. For example, Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) has been recognised as an European Reference Network (ERN) site for Rare Neurological Diseases, of which MSA is one. A submission has been made to the HSE for additional resources to support TUH as an ERN site.

Should you have any other queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

MR JOHN KELLY
DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE