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To ask the Minister for Health how many of the 22 neurologist speciality nurse positions that were announced have been filled to date; if he will list the areas that still have vacancies in these positions after funding being allocated to hire these nurses, by HSE region, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Response:

The National Clinical Programme for Neurology (NCPN) recognizes that skilled and highly trained staff add value to Neurological services and NCPN endorses the expansion of the workforce dedicated to Neurology and in line with the Neurology Model of Care (2016) and Sláintecare.

In relation to the posts announced for 2023, the letters of allocation and primary notifications for 21 posts were issued to the hospital groups in May, the recruitment process is underway to fill these posts.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

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