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Leinster House
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To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on the services currently provided for adult patients with epilepsy at Cork University Hospital; the number and grade of staff that are currently attached to his service at this site; the number of current staff vacancies within this service; the number of epilepsy patients currently registered with this service; the number of patients awaiting first consultations; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kenny

The Health Service Executive has been requested to respond 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.

All necessary clinical services are provided to epilepsy patients in Cork University Hospital as appropriate to individual patient needs.

There are 8 Consultant Neurologist which can treat epilepsy patients in CUH but Dr. Danny Costello and Dr. Gerard O'Connor manage approximately 80% of epilepsy patients.

There is one Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) in post and a Candidate Nurse Practitioner is due to commence in post in July 2025. A 3rd ANP post will be re-advertised in September as the last campaign was unable to fill this post.

The Epilepsy Service review up to 600 new 1st time seizure per year from throughout the region and also review transitioning patients (over 16) from the paediatric service.

There are approximately 40 new patients waiting for a first appointment. The wait time for 1st seizure clinic appointment is approximately 5 weeks.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Jennifer Kearney
Chief Executive Officer