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Deputy Catherine Ardagh
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Re: PQ ref 34266/25

Dear Deputy Ardagh,

| PQ ref 34266/25 - To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on the services currently provided for adult patients with epilepsy at Saint James' Hospital; the number and grade of staff that are currently attached to this 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 currently awaiting first consultations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. | | | | | | |
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| St James's Hospital | | | | | | |
| The services currently provided for adult patients with epilepsy | The number and grade of staff that are currently attached to this service at this site | | No. of current staff vacancies within this service | | No. of epilepsy patients currently registered with this service | No. of patients currently awaiting first consultations |
| | Staff Grade | No. of Staff | Staff Grade | No. of Staff | | |
| Rapid Access Clinic Routine Clinic Virtual Clinic Integrated care pathway for the Emergency Department Inpatient Consult Service Nurse Telephone Advice Line Nurse-led Email Service Epilepsy Education Transitional Care Pregnancy care with outreach to the Coombe Women's Hospital Tuberous Sclerosis Clinic Vagal-Nerve Stimulator Clinic Intellectual Disability Outreach Service to Stewards Care and Cheeverstown National Adult Ketogenic Diet Service Inclusion Health Outreach Service | Consultant | 1.7 | Advanced Nurse Practitioner | 1 WTE (currently advertised) | 1,218 with return appointments | 101 |
| | NCHD | 2.5 | Advanced Nurse Practitioner | 0.4 WTE (not backfilled) | 800 estimated discharged to patient-initiated follow up | |
| | Advanced Nurse Practitioner (ANP) | 4.6 | | | ANPs support all returns, are first contact for patient-initiated follow up, and see a cohort of new patients | |
| | Clinical Nurse Specialist | 1.0 | | | Note open access to patients with diagnosis of epilepsy to our outreach and phone support services | |
| | Dietician | 1.0 | | | | |
| | Grade 4 Admin | 1.0 | | | | |
| | Grade 3 Admin | 0.8 | | | | |
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Yours sincerely,

Ms Aisling Collins
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