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To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on the services currently provided for paediatrics patients with epilepsy at Cork University 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.

Dear Deputy Kenny

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.

There are 2 WTE funded Consultant Paediatric Neurologists posts in CUH. Following a recent resignation, there is currently 1.4 WTE Consultant Paediatric Neurologists in post who oversee the care of children with epilepsy. There is 1 WTE Advanced Nurse Practitioner and 3 WTE Clinical Nurse Specialists for the paediatric epilepsy service. There are approximately 750 patients registered to the service.

There are 480 patients on the waiting list awaiting a first appointment with the paediatric epilepsy service.

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