



4th April 2025

Deputy Pádraig Rice, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

RE: PQ 11036/25

To ask the Minister for Health if the appointment of a clinical nurse lead to support the implementation of the national model of care for epilepsy has been progressed; the reasons a permanent appointment has not been approved to date; if she will provide details on the allocation of time which will be given to the post; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Rice,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Programme for Neurology, incorporating Epilepsy, on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

There is currently no underpinning Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) to appoint a permanent Nurse Lead to this role within NCP for Epilepsy. The previous incumbent in this Nurse Lead role provided 0.25 WTE, appointed from within the Epilepsy Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANPs) ranks.

This former Nurse lead left the role for a new opportunity in December 2022 and this role is currently unfilled within the programme team. It has not been feasible to progress this role to date, as a new WTE is required.

There are plans to seek this WTE in the New Service Developments (NSDs) – Estimates Process for 2026.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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General Manager