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Deputy David Cullinane T.D.,
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Re: PQ 44718/25 To ask the Minister for Health her plans to ensure return to full capacity of deep brain stimulation for people with Parkinson's in the south-east both in terms of staffing and access to theatre; when recruitment into necessary posts will be completed; the number of WTE required, by grade; if any additional posts are required to be sanctioned above existing approved staffing limits; whether robotic equipment will be deployed to improve efficiency of the procedure; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

I refer to the recent parliamentary question above which has been referred for direct response.

I have had this matter examined and am advised that while St. Vincent's University Hospital (SVUH) does provide a Deep Brain Simulation service for Parkinson's Disease, implants are mainly done in the Mater Hospital and Beaumont Hospital. SVUH provides a follow up service as part of the overall Parkinson service. No additional staffing is allocated to this service in SVUH. There is no access to theatre or use of robotic equipment in SVUH, this would be done in the Mater Hospital or Beaumont Hospital.

Yours sincerely

Cahal Flynn,
Director of Operations.





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Hospital	
NRH	NRH does not provide this service here
RVEEH	This is not relevant to the RVEEH
SCH	I can confirm that the PQ below is not applicable to SCH
SLK	We do not have this service here in St Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny
SMH	this procedure is not performed at St. Michael's Hospital
SVUH	Response saved in file
TippUH	TippUH do not provide this service
UHW	We do not provide this service <ul style="list-style-type: none">• we do provide follow up to patients who have had this treatment
WGH	This service is not available in WGH

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