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Deputy Willie O'Dea,
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Dear Deputy O'Dea,

I refer to your correspondence dated 1st September 2025.

Please see below details of the services available for adult patients with epilepsy across HSE Mid West Acute Hospitals:

- Clinical nurse specialist-led epilepsy clinic in Nenagh OPD - 2 clinics per month.
- Clinical nurse specialist-led epilepsy clinic in Ennis OPD - 1 clinic per month.
- Epilepsy clinic in UHL OPD - 2 clinics per month.
- Women's Health Service – care pathway in place with the maternity service.
- Outreach clinic to Avista Intellectual Disability service.
- Nurse-led vagus nerve stimulator service.
- Nurse-led telephone advice line. In the first eight months of this year, 853 calls were received.

The table below outlines the number of staff currently in place to support this service:

Title	WTE
Consultant Neurologist	4
Clinical Nurse Specialist in epilepsy	2
Staff nurse	1
Clerical support	4

There is one advanced nurse practitioner and one consultant neurologist post currently vacant. These posts are currently being progressed through the recruitment process.

Please see below details of the number of patients using these services and the numbers waiting to be seen as of the 8th September 2025.

- There are eleven patients waiting for a first appointment in the rapid access seizure clinic.
- There are five patients waiting for a first appointment in the epilepsy clinic.
- There are currently 480 epilepsy/seizure patients waiting for an appointment in the nurse led clinics.



I trust this clarifies the position. Please contact me if you have any further queries.

Kind Regards,

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