



5<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

Deputy Mattie McGrath  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ Ref 52110/23**

***\* To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the provision of a Parkinson's nurse specialist for Waterford and Tipperary University Hospitals, following a funding allocation under Budget 2023 for the provision of 22 neurologist speciality nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter.\*.***  
**- Deputy Mattie McGrath**

Dear Deputy McGrath,

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. We have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

**Tipperary University Hospital (TippUH)**

In consultation with the Neurology Centre in Cork University Hospital, TippUH have advised that the funded post was incorporated into a Neurology CNS post. The Nursing Department at TippUH has advertised on two occasions for a Neurology Clinical Nurse Specialist and have had no suitable or successful applicants.

TippUH continues to work with the South/South West Hospital Group and the Neurology Centre Cork University Hospital to address the service deficit

**University Hospital Waterford (UHW)**

UHW have advised that interviews took place on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 for the position of a Clinical Nurse Specialist (Parkinson's Disease).

However due to the current HSE recruitment embargo, UHW are currently not in a position to express offers to successful candidates.

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,

  
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