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Deputy Catherine Connolly
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PQ: 18653/24: To ask the Minister for Health the number of epilepsy specialist nurse posts in the State; the number of these which are currently unfilled; the location of each epilepsy specialist nurse post; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Connolly

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.

I am advised that the HSE does not have a specific grade of Epilepsy Specialist Nurse. We do not possess details on the number of staff currently attached to epilepsy adult and paediatric services across the country as data at this level is not currently held centrally. Details of vacancies across the organisation are not currently held centrally, therefore unfortunately we are not in a position to provide the information you request. Staff are recruited by local services, through national recruitment initiatives and through external agencies by the HSE and Section 38 Voluntary Hospitals and agencies.

Yours sincerely,

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