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To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is still no consultant neurologist at Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise, despite one being promised since 2020, causing neurology patients to endure 60-112km journeys to access neurology services; and if the current recruitment embargo in force in the HSE will prevent that appointment being made in the near future.

Dear Deputy Ryan,

I am writing in response to your representation regarding the appointment of a neurology consultant in Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise.

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.

There are currently no plans to appoint a neurology consultant to Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise. Hospitals are implementing services in line with the Neurology Model of Care.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Joyce', written over a horizontal line.

**John Joyce.**  
**General Manager.**

