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**PQ 39862/24**

**To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost to the Exchequer of hiring one neurology nurse specialist.**

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

**Response:**

The cost of a neurology Nurse Specialists will be dependent on the grade (Clinical Nurse Specialist or Advanced Nurse Practitioner) and is generally the same cost in neurology as other specialities. According to the October 2024 published payscales the costs below would apply:

**Clinical Nurse Specialist:** The salary scale for a CNS post is outlined below:

€59,661 - €60,649 - € 61,485 - €62,849 - €64,357 - €65,837 - €67,318 - €68,984  
€70,534 - €73,194 - €75,389 (Long Service Increment)

**Advanced Nurse Practitioner:**

The salary scale for an ANP post is outlined below:

€69,315 - €70,658 - €71,952 - €75,928 - €77,180 - €78,634 - €79,994 - €81,344 -  
€85,539

New appointees to any grade start at the minimum point of the scale. Incremental credit will be applied for recognised relevant service in Ireland and abroad



(Department of Health Circular 2/2011). Incremental credit is normally granted on appointment, in respect of previous experience in the Civil Service, Local Authorities, Health Service and other Public Service Bodies and Statutory Agencies.

Therefore the actual cost will depend on the point on the scale an individual nurse is actually appointed to, also will be subject to change as further pay awards are applied going into 2025.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Emma Benton'.

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**Emma Benton**

**General Manager**

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