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RE: Motion Moved at Meeting of South Dublin County Council

Dear Ms. Maguire

Reference your letter dated, 15th September, 2010 addressed to the Chief Executive relating to the above.

I confirm that the office of Quality and Clinical Care has initiated a number of quality improvement programmes, three of which are in the neurological domain; Stroke, Epilepsy and Outpatient Neurology. All of these programmes are dedicated to the kinds of improvements that the NAI so eloquently advocate for. We are committed to improving access to services, removing the backlog and reducing waiting lists. In specific terms; plans for Epilepsy and Stroke will see significant investment in personnel to deal with these difficult and traditionally underserved conditions by developing protocols of care, delivering care closer to people's homes as well as developing 4 centres of expertise in each HSE region.

The programmes were established early this summer and are currently in the planning phase of the process. We expect implementation of the changes and initiatives early next year.

The HSE recognises the important role of the Neurological Alliance of Ireland in documenting deficiencies in neurological care in Ireland.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Barry White
National Director of Quality and Clinical Care

