

National Services Division submission of 15 October 2023

PE1723/Y: Essential Tremor Treatment in Scotland

Thank you for your enquiry regarding an application for a national MRgFUS service. Earlier this year, NSD received an updated application from the lead Consultant Neurologist working within NHS Tayside for a new MRI Focussed Ultrasound Functional Neurosurgery service to treat patients with Essential Tremor. Confirmation was sought that the NHS Tayside Executive Leadership Team was supportive of the application and that it was within their planning and financial assumptions, as the application would be considered by Chief Executives and the NSSC in December this year for commissioning in April 2024.

In May, the NHS Tayside Executive Leadership Team advised they were supportive in principle of developing an MRI Focused Ultrasound service; however, a paper outlining the proposal in detail had not yet been submitted for Executive approval and so could not be progressed at this time. On this basis, we advised that the application for a national service could not be progressed within this year's NSD work plan and should be resubmitted for consideration in 2024/25 once the NHS Tayside Executive Leadership Team has approved the application.