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Deputy Marc MacSharry, T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Ref: PQ ref 4474/19: To ask the Minister for Health the reason no tender process was carried out for the appointment of the community intervention team following discharges from Sligo University Hospital; the reason a company was appointed without an appropriate tender process in line with established public procurement protocols.

Dear Deputy MacSharry,

The Health Service Executive has been asked to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

There has been significant investment in CIT in the past 5 years which has allowed for an expansion in the number of teams and the areas with access to this service. A new CIT in Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan was funded in the National Service Plan and commenced in July 2018. This service has managed 532 patient referrals from an acute hospital/GP in its first 7 months, facilitating an early discharge, or avoiding hospital attendance for these patients. The award of this CIT was made in line with the roll out plan described in a National contract following a tender process.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Dermot Monaghan,

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