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RE: PQ 18030/20

To ask the Minister for Health the recommended staffing per early supported discharge team under the national stroke programme; the cost of staff; the estimated cost of an ESD team here; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Programme for Stroke on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

Early Supported Discharge (ESD) is a model of care shown to improve outcomes and reduce re-attendances in stroke patients. The roll out of the national stroke programme ESD plan will result in more efficient use of acute stroke beds and cost savings, with positive impacts on patient flow, acute stroke outcomes and the unscheduled care management of stroke patients in Ireland. The table below identifies the WTE and cost associated with an Early Supported Discharge Team.

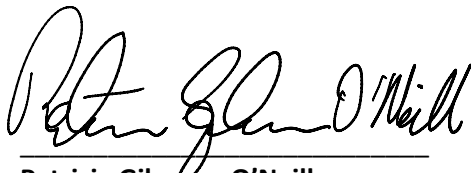
The allocation of ESD teams is based on annual stroke admissions. One ESD team would be expected to accept all potential ESD cases from a hospital with a stroke service of >200 patients. Larger urban hospitals with > 350 stroke cases annually would require a larger team and have been allocated 1.5 ESD team. Smaller hospitals with < 200 have been allocated 0.5 of an ESD team.

	mid-point	PRSI	Total Gross (€)
1 WTE Occupational Therapist, Senior	57,687	6,374	64,061
1 WTE Physiotherapist, Senior	57,687	6,374	64,061
1 WTE Speech & Language Therapist, Senior	57,687	6,374	64,061
0.5 WTE Social Worker, Senior Medical	31,993	3,535	35,528
0.5 WTE Clinical Nurse Specialist (General)	26,921	2,974	29,895
1 WTE Therapy assistant (pt)	32,519	3,593	36,112
Total Pay costs			293,718
Non – pay			30,000
Total cost 1 ESD team (Pay & Non-pay costs)			323,718

* Figures are based on current January 2020 pay scales

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



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