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RE: PQ 18031/20

To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of early supported discharge here; the number of operational ESD teams; the number of teams that have the recommended staffing levels of an ESD; the staffing deficits that exist in each of the teams; the full year costs of the staffing required to fully staff the teams; 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.

There are currently six teams providing Early Supported Discharge for Stroke patients in Ireland

- Mater Misericordiae University Hospital (MMUH) commenced in 2011
- Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) commenced in 2012
- University Hospital Galway (UHG) commenced in 2013
- University Hospital Limerick (UHL) commenced in 2018
- Cork University Hospital/ Mercy University Hospital (CUH/MUH) commenced in 2018
- Beaumont Hospital (BH) commenced in 2018

Of the existing ESD teams, none meet the minimum staffing requirement as set out by the National Service Plan (NSP). This impacts on the capacity of the team both in terms of number of patients, but also complexity of patients and geographical catchment.

	Recommended staffing	MMUH Actual	Tallaght Actual	Galway Actual	Limerick Actual	Beaumont Actual	Cork Actual
Occupational Therapy	1 WTE Snr	1 WTE	1.0 WTE Snr	1 WTE	1	0.5	1 WTE
Physiotherapy	1 WTE Snr	1 WTE	1.0 WTE Snr	1 WTE	1	0.5	1 WTE
S and LT	1 WTE Snr	0.5 WTE	0.4 WTE Basic	0.5 WTE	0.5	0.5	0.5 WTE
Medical Social Work	0.5 WTE Snr	0.5 WTE	0.5 WTE Basic	0.2 WTE	0	0.5	0
Clinical Nurse Specialist	0.5 WTE	0	0	0 WTE	0	0.5	0
Therapy Assistant	1 WTE	1 WTE	0	1 WTE	0	0	0

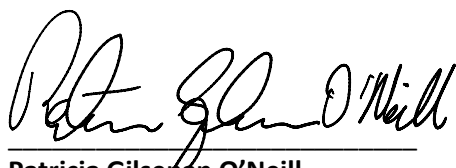
The table below outlines the full year costs to consolidate and complete each of the six operational teams.

	Mid-point*	PRSI	Total Gross	MMUH	UHG	AMNCH	CUH	UHL	Beaumont	Total WTE	Cost (€)
Occupational Therapist, Snr	57,687	6,374	64,061	0	0	0	0.5	0	1	1.5	96,091
Physiotherapist Snr	57,687	6,374	64,061	0	0	0	0.5	0	1	1.5	96,091
Speech & Language Therapists, Snr	57,687	6,374	64,061	0.5	0.5	0.6	1	0.5	1	4.1	262,650
Social Worker, Snr Medical	63,987	7,070	71,057	0	0.3	0	0.75	0.5	0.25	1.8	127,902
Clinical Nurse Specialist (General)	53,843	5,949	59,792	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.75	0	0.25	2.5	149,480
Therapy Assistant (PT)	32,519	3,593	36,112	0	0	1	1.5	1	1	4.5	162,504
Total Pay											894,718
Non-pay					30,000 per team						180,000
Total Pay + Non-Pay											1,074,718

* Figures are based on current January 2020 payscales

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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