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Leinster House
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RE: PQ 18032/20

To ask the Minister for Health the estimated costs of a national roll out of early supported discharge for stroke patients; 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.

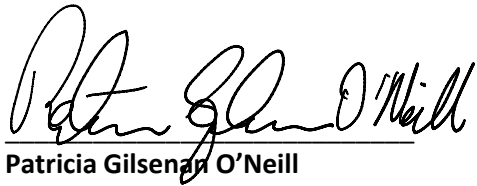
Early supported discharge (ESD) for stroke is an international evidence-based model of care for stroke that promotes early discharge to home with proven better outcomes for patients.

The national stroke programme advises the national roll out of early supported discharge (ESD) in a three phase approach to allow for planned budgeting and staffing. Phase one of the plan sees a roll out 10 full ESD teams in 2021 with an extra 33.4 whole time equivalent staff at an extra cost of €1,580,229 and recurring annual cost of € 2,257,470 which will provide early supported discharge to over 3,500 patients resulting in direct provision of ESD services to almost 750 patients with an anticipated return of 4500 acute bed days to the hospital system with approximately €3.8 million in gross savings (€1.5m net approximately). A business plan to this effect has been submitted to the HSE for the budget submissions for 2021.

Phase two and three of the national stroke programme plan for ESD will see an additional 7 and 3 ESD teams respectively commissioned at costs of €1,819,477 and €661,628 so that 75% of the stroke patient population nationally will have access to ESD services treating a potential 1000 patients annually and saving over 5,365 hospital bed days to the acute hospital system while providing stroke patients with the international standard of stroke care.

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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