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RE: PQ 10948/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of stroke patients that are admitted to a stroke unit; the number of stroke patients that receive treatment in a stroke unit; 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.

Stroke unit care is the cornerstone and foundation of all stroke care and no acute hospital should be receiving acute stroke patients without providing such care. Stroke unit care serves all stroke patients, regardless of stroke type or time of onset and acute stroke units have been shown to reduce stroke mortality and dependency and are a European Stroke Organisation (ESO) 5 recommendation with clear set guidelines on what constitutes an acute stroke unit.

The 2019 stroke audit report is currently being prepared. The most current data available is from the 2018 stroke audit report which states that 71 % (2471) of patients were admitted to an acute stroke unit and spent a median of 7 days in a stroke unit. The national key performance indicator target is 90%.

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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