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**PQ ref 2653/20**

**To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a community intervention team in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Browne,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the position.*

South East Community Healthcare is committed to the operation a Community Intervention Team (CIT) service in the Wexford area and are awaiting funding towards its establishment.

CITs are specialist health professional teams which provide a rapid and integrated response to a patient with an acute episode of illness who requires enhanced services/acute intervention for a defined short period of time. As with the case in other areas where CITs have been operational, this care may be provided at home, in a residential setting or in the community as deemed appropriate (thereby avoiding acute hospital attendance or admission or facilitating early discharge).

Prior to the establishment of the CIT and when funding has been confirmed, it will be necessary to complete a tender process which will establish the number of WTEs and associated cost.

Should you have any further queries in relation to same, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Marie Lanigan'.

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**Ms. Anna Marie Lanigan**  
**Head of Service-Primary Care**  
**South East Community Healthcare**