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To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on the provision for community intervention team services for County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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 current position.

Community Intervention Teams (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).

Wexford has been granted the funding for a CIT under the Winter Plan 2020-2021. It is currently going through the tender process and a steering group has been set up to progress the team. The team consists of nursing, occupational therapy and physiotherapy staff and this will provide a service to the Wexford population to assist Wexford General Hospital and General Practitioners with admission avoidance and supported early hospital discharge. It is envisaged to have the service operational in Q1 2021 in Wexford Primary Care Centre and another location north of the county.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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