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Mr. James Browne TD
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Leinster House
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To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a community intervention team in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Minister 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 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).

The requirement for a CIT team in Wexford is an integral consideration in the winter planning process for the South East and has featured in all of the discussions and planning with the HSE both at a local and national level. I wish to advise that funding has now been allocated for CIT in Wexford under the winter plan. It is therefore the intention of South East Community Healthcare (SECH) to develop a CIT team for Wexford this year in close consultation with Wexford General Hospital.

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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