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**To ask the Minister for Health his plans to expand neuropsychology services for the CHO5 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Mythen,

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.*

Neuro-rehabilitation is the process of supporting individuals with brain or spinal injuries, who often experience significant mental health difficulties requiring specialist care. Currently there are no dedicated Neuropsychology posts for Children or Adults in the HSE in South East Community Healthcare.

It can be difficult for people who require a Neuropsychological assessment, for example, in the context of a traumatic brain injury and other difficulties. However, Headway, the not for profit national organisation provide a number of supports including, psychological assessment, psychological interventions, community reintegration/work supports as well as peer support and an information and support helpline.

Individuals referred to the National Rehabilitation Hospital can access a range of specialist rehabilitation services as a result of an accident, illness or injury.

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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