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**PQ 24610/20**

**To ask the Minister for Health when provision will be made to introduce community intervention team services to 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).

The requirement for a CIT team in Wexford is an integral consideration in the winter planning process for the South East and features in all of the discussions and planning with the HSE both at a local and national level.

In recognition of the need for a CIT team in Wexford I wish to advise that the funding for this team has been included in an enhanced Winter Planning business case and SECH is hopeful that funding will be made available in 2020 to develop the team.

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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