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**RE: PQ 61970/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will produce the first national stroke strategy; and if there will be provision for a properly-funded annual fast campaign as called for by an organisation.**

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Programme for Stroke on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The National Clinical Programme for Stroke has recently completed its national stroke strategy for the next 5 years which, in conjunction with implementation of the Neuro-Rehabilitation Model of Care and National Integrated Care Programme for Older People (NICPOP), will ensure that comprehensive stroke rehabilitation is available in the acute, recovery and ongoing chronic disease management phase post-stroke.


The HSE NCP for Stroke final draft National Stroke Strategy 2021-2026 was presented at the HSE Chief Clinical Officer (CCO) Clinical Forum at its meeting last July 2021 and was subsequently clinically approved by the Forum, following some minor changes.

The document is currently going forward for consultation regarding implementation and consideration through the HSE 2022 national service planning process for funding opportunities, looking at alignment, synergy and integration with other current significant HSE programmes of work such as Enhanced Community Care, National Integrated Care Programme for Older People (NICPOP) and so forth. This will ensure that service delivery requirements outlined in the Stroke Strategy are integrated with other programmes of work and will support the HSE National Service Plan for 2022.

The National Stroke Strategy 2021-2026 supports the re-introduction of the FAST campaign, subject to funding, to improve public awareness of stroke and reduce times from symptom onset to hospital presentation, in addition to supporting other important stroke-related public awareness approaches under the 'Education and Research' pillar of the strategy.

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

Yours sincerely



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