

25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Deputy Ged Nash  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ - 11025/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the status of the breakdown of the Community Intervention Team in County Meath; the way in which it compares to the national service being delivered nationally; the measures he is taking to provide additional staff to the CIT service in County Meath including occupational therapists and physiotherapists which are required as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Ged Nash**

Dear Deputy Nash,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

The Meath Community Intervention Team (CIT) service is a nursing only service provided by TCP Homecare. In terms of service delivery, TCP Homecare are contracted to provide 1.5 WTE Nurses working daily (7 x Days per Week) to deliver CIT Services in Meath. Meath PHN services will continue to review the resources it has for the benefit of the population of Meath. We will continue to explore approaches to best meet the requirements in collaboration with our acute partners, prioritising hospital discharges and hospital avoidance, as a comprehensive integrated approach to the provision of care, nearest to the patient's home. While there is no resource available at this time for expanding the CIT to a multi-disciplinary model, CHO Management will continue to advocate for additional resources for CIT.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Officer  
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