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Deputy Ged Nash  
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**Re: PQ – 22648/21 – To ask the Minister for Health his plans for a Community Intervention team with a multidisciplinary team in County Meath; his plans for an older person integrated care team in County Meath; 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 Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

I can advise that Meath is presently serviced by a Community Intervention Team (CIT) through a private company which supports patients with early hospital discharges and hospital avoidances. It is a nursing service only which provides clinical care such as dressings, injections and discontinuation of PICC lines. There are plans to look at developing a HSE multidisciplinary CIT but this is at a very early stage at the moment.

Older People in Co Meath have access to a number of integrated care services, including home support service, respite service, day service and long term care. Older Person Services provided integrated care to clients in Co Meath with public health nursing service and other Primary Care Services including community physiotherapy service, community occupational therapy, community podiatry service and other primary care services.

The HSE National Service Plan 2020 included the provision to commence a targeted reform programme in line with Sláintecare to Enhance Community Care and re-design acute hospital care pathways to support older people and those with chronic disease.

This means a significant investment in Community Resources (Community Health Networks (CHN's), Integrated Care Programme for Older People (ICPOP) and Chronic Disease Management (CDM) for our CHO.

Meath will benefit from additional resources however we are awaiting confirmation on the details of the additional resources for Meath and will update you in due course.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Des O'Flynn', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Des O'Flynn  
Chief Officer  
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