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Leinster House
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RE: PQ 55240/21

To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the lack of stroke facilities in hospitals; if a strategy is being put in place to alleviate this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy O'Donoghue,

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 undertaken a comprehensive exercise to identify gaps in both bed designation and staffing for our acute stroke units, in order to plan for the needs of stroke services across the country for the coming years. These deficits are addressed as a core part of the 'acute care and cure' pillar of the National Stroke Strategy 2021-2026, which is currently with the HSE for approval.

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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General Manager