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Re: *"To ask the Minister for Health if his attention to been drawn to the situation in which the CHO7 disability team is not accepting referrals for persons who have suffered a stroke; the reason that this situation has transpired; the criteria that are being used for accessing disability services in the CHO7 area; the action that he is taking to change the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter."*

-Louise O'Reilly

Dear Deputy O'Reilly

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Statutory Disability Services in Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow (DSKWW) do not have Specialist clinical teams for adults with Disabilities. As such the appropriate pathway for people who have suffered from a stroke is via the Primary Care Services pathway and this has always been the situation in DSKWW. The access criteria for Disability Services review was initiated to maximise the use of existing resources in a fair and equitable way, in line with Slaintecare.

I hope this answers your query, if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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