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Dear Deputy Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ 52163/21

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the community rehabilitation teams in CHO6 and CHO7; the locations in which each team is based; the numbers of staff, in WTE terms, approved for each team; the numbers currently assigned to each team; the number of vacant positions on each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

The Programme for Government – 'Our Shared Future' - includes a commitment for advancing neuro-rehabilitation services in the community. The Health Service Executive is leading on the implementation framework in respect of the recommendations of the National Policy and Strategy for the provision of Neuro-Rehabilitation Services in Ireland 2011-2015.

The Neuro-Rehabilitation Strategy Implementation Framework (IF) was launched in February 2019. The overarching aim of the Strategy is the development of neuro-rehabilitation services to improve patient outcomes by providing safe, high quality, person-centred neuro-rehabilitation at the lowest appropriate level of complexity. This must be integrated across the care pathway, and provided as close to home as possible or in specialist centres where necessary. These services are to be configured into population based managed clinical rehabilitation networks (MCRNs). The overarching aim is the development of population based MCRN's around the country.

As part of the MCRN demonstrator project, funding was provided for the establishment of a Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Team in each of CHO 6 and also CHO 7. Each team has been funded for 5 WTE, with the breakdown as follow, per team:

- 1 x Senior Physiotherapist
- 1 x Senior Occupational Therapist
- 1 x Senior Speech and Language Therapist
- 1 x Senior Clinical Psychologist
- 1 x Administrative Support



In both CHO 6 and CHO 7, Disability Services Community Healthcare are working with Primary Care and the voluntary organisations to identify a suitable governance model for each of these teams. On agreement of the governance model, recruitment will be progressed in Q4 2022.

A location for the Community Neuro-rehab Team (CNRT) has been agreed on in CHO 6 in Bray, Co. Wicklow and work is ongoing to confirm the location for CHO 7.

Yours sincerely,



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