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Dear Deputy Cairns,

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: 18606/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to provide an update on the provision of community neuro-rehabilitation teams in each CHO.

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.

In order to test the feasibility of this new MCRN model in the Irish context, a decision was made by the Neuro-Rehab Steering Group to run two demonstrator projects within CHO6 and CHO7, which was expanded in the 2023 budget to include CHO2 and CHO4 to assess the feasibility of the model to inform national roll-out. A location has been agreed for the Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Teams within CHO 6 and CHO 7 and negotiations are ongoing to agree a governance model for the teams in order to be able to proceed with recruitment.



Within CHO 3 and CHO 1 there are Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Team's that pre-date the strategy. There is currently no Community Neuro-Rehab Team operational within CHO 5, 8 and 9 however, moving forward with the strategy, the plan will be to create a population-based Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Team within each CHO or RHA following the implementation of the new Regional Health Areas within Slaintecare.

Yours Sincerely,



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