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Dear Deputy Bacik,

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: 1461/23

To ask the Minister for Health if a community neurorehabilitation team will be provided to HSE area CHO6; his views on the need for the establishment of community neurorehabilitation teams in each CHO, as recommended in the National Neurorehabilitation Strategy; 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 CHO 6.



Disability Services in CHO 6 are working with Primary Care, The Royal Hospital Donnybrook and the voluntary organisations to identify a suitable governance model for this team. 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 in CHO 6. The team will be based in Bray, Co. Wicklow.

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. An additional two teams will be introduced to the demonstrator project in two new CHO's in 2023

Yours Sincerely,



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