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**To ask the Minister for Health the location of the chronic disease ambulatory care hubs in CHO2; the location of the hubs servicing County Roscommon; when these hubs will become operational; the current status of staff recruitment for such hubs in CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Naughten,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The locations of the three Ambulatory Care Hubs within CHO2 are outlined below;

- Galway City, interim use of lease office facilities with clinical facilities in St Francis PCC, Newcastle Rd. Long term plan is development of an Ambulatory Care Hub in Knocknacarra.
- Ballinasloe, with outreach clinics in Roscommon PCC and former Castlerea Health Centre. Interim and long term accommodation proposals for Ballinasloe are being developed at present.
- Castlebar, Interim use of Co Clinic/St Mary complex for clinical facilities and long term will be accommodated in extension planned for Castlebar Primary Care Centres.

The Hubs are becoming operational on a phased basis with the initial focus on the commencement of the following activity;

- Pulmonary Rehab Programmes and Respiratory Physiotherapy clinics
- Smoking cessation clinics
- Diabetes self-management
- Diabetes Podiatry clinics
- Specialist nurse clinics

- Heart failure clinics
- Multidisciplinary team meetings across all programmes

Approval has been received between Community Health Care West and Saolta Hospital group for 111.5 WTE to support in the Integrated Chronic Disease teams to date 60% of those posts have been filled with the balance at various stages of the recruitment process.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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