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Deputy Michael Healy-Rae,
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Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

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: 32378/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if more investment will be given for community neurorehabilitation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details Supplied: Minister as you are aware only 15% of Neurological patients in Ireland have access to a community Neurorehabilitation team. More investment is needed for the improvement and well being of patients.

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 across the country.



Two small Community Neuro Rehab Teams (CNRTs) in CHO 6 and in CHO 7 were funded through Sláintecare in 2020 and two additional CNRTs, one in CHO 2 and one in CHO 4 were funded in budget 2023. These teams are planned to be operational in Q4 2023.

The HSE's Change Planning and Delivery unit will be submitting a bid to the forthcoming estimates process for the funding associated with the establishment of Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Teams in the following Community Healthcare Areas 5, 8 & 9 (Southeast Community Health, Midlands Louth Meath, Dublin North City and County) in 2024 /2025 as well as to add to the small teams that pre-date the strategy in CHO 1 and CHO 3 with the objective of establishing a full team in these CHO's in 2024/25 also.

Yours Sincerely,



**Mr Brian J Higgins,
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