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Deputy Fergus O Dowd,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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**PQ 33305/23 - To ask the Minister for Health to provide a progress update on the expansion of community intervention teams to prevent unnecessary hospital admissions and to support the timely discharge of patients to their homes, since the establishment of the current Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**- Fergus O'Dowd**

Dear Deputy O Dowd,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 33305/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Community Intervention Team (CIT) is a specialist health professional team who offer an extended service, usually from 8am to 9pm, seven days per week to facilitate patient care in the community. The service offers an agile, enhanced and responsive community based service to prevent unnecessary hospital admission or attendance, and to facilitate/enable early discharge of patients from the acute setting that are appropriate for CIT care.

As part of Winter Plan 2022/23, there has been an investment of over €2.0m over the year to expand all CIT teams across the country.

Allocations have been provided to CHOs around the country to expand their CITs or to provide for specific allocation of WTEs where requested. The following is an overview of the allocation of funding per CHO:

CHO	Description of Proposal	Funding allocation
1	For expansion of teams across the 3 regions	€280,000
2	Galway/Roscommon CIT	€240,000
3	For staffing increases	€270,000
4	Expansion for 5th team	€250,000
5	For expansion of team and funding shortfall	€250,000
6	For staffing increases.	€250,000
7	Staffing increases to create clinical hub	€190,000



CHO	Description of Proposal	Funding allocation
8	Staffing increases to increase current capacity	€250,000
9	Staffing increases for specialised oncology clinic	€210,000
Total		€2,190,000

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Seán McArt'.

**Seán McArt**  
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