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Mr. Fergus O'Dowd T.D.,  
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**Re: Parliamentary Question - 28508/23**

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the need and acknowledgement from the HSE that a population-based community neuro-rehabilitation team needs to be developed within CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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 I outline the position as follows.

The HSE's National Office of Change Planning and Delivery for Disability services are working to progress the implementation of the National Policy & Strategy for the provision of Neuro-Rehabilitation Services 2011-2015 (referred to hereafter as 'the Strategy'). The Strategy outlines a proposed framework for neuro-rehabilitation service provision indicating the need for responsive services at various levels. It also calls for the establishment of managed clinical rehabilitation networks across the country to facilitate the development of integrated quality neuro-rehabilitation services.

The National Steering Group (NSG) is responsible, in conjunction with nominated CHO's, for the setup of the Local Implementation Teams as outlined in the National Strategy & Policy for the Provision of Neuro-Rehabilitation Services in Ireland.

There are two CHOs nominated and designated funding has been allocated to CHO6 & CHO7 as they work closely with National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH). New service development funding has been granted for additional services in CHO2 and CHO4 in 2023. Currently CHO8 is not funded for a community neuro-rehabilitation team and therefore if we were to set up a community neuro-rehabilitation team this funding would need to be provided.

At present I wish to reaffirm that CHO8 is not one of the CHO's nominated with funding for such a team.



I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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