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RE: PQ 14777/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals with access to clinical psychology as part of stroke unit care; the estimated cost and staffing associated with ensuring that this service is available to all stroke units; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Programme (NCP) for Stroke on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The recently published Irish National Audit of Stroke (INAS) Organisational Audit Report 2021¹ reported that five out of the 24 stroke units across the country had access to clinical psychology.

The National Clinical Programme for Stroke has recommended that clinical psychology services be aligned to international staffing recommendations, with 16.9 extra posts to be created nationally across stroke services over 3 years at a total investment of €1.26 million.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Horgan
General Manager

Reference:

1. [Irish National Audit of Stroke Organisational Audit Report 2021 FINAL.pdf](#)