

20th September, 2023

Mr. Mick Barry, TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 37839/23

"To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he will support the establishment of a community neuro rehabilitation in the CHO4 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for response.

Neuro-rehabilitation services play a critical role in supporting recovery and/or maximising ability of those with neurological conditions. Multi-disciplinary teams provide specialist neuro-rehabilitation for those with complex needs who do not require an in-patient stay and will also provide rehabilitation for those with neurological conditions who are moving back home from in-patient rehabilitation facilities.

In line with the Neuro-Rehabilitation Implementation Framework, funding of €450,000 has been allocated to CKCH in 2023 (full-year €900,000) for 13 posts which includes 0.5 WTE Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Consultant. Planning for the development of the service has commenced. CKCH will be proceeding with the recruitment of the Clinical Lead post for this team imminently and thereafter the remaining posts for the team.

This project involves integration across all CKCH Care Groups and the South/South West Hospital Group. Six posts will be assigned to Kerry to establish a team there and the remainder will be assigned to Cork.

If you have further queries please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,



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