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Deputy Duncan Smith
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Re: PQ/37974/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he will provide the necessary funding for the recruitment of an additional clinical nurse specialist and consultant in rehabilitation medicine for the community neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO3.

Dear Deputy Smith

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth.

The Community Neuro-Rehab Team in CHO 3 was formed in 2007 following a pilot project. This pre-dates both the original National Neuro-Rehab Strategy and also the Implementation Framework published in 2019.

An estimates bid has been submitted to add to the existing team in CHO 3 that included a Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine and also a Clinical Nurse Specialist. We are awaiting a national decision in relation to this bid.

I trust this clarifies the situation but should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ethna McTeague". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Ethna McTeague
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