



Oifig an Stiúrthóir Cúnta Náisiúnta,
Foireann Míchumais Náisiúnta,
An Chéad Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15,
Àras Phlásóg na Rós, Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile,
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Dear Deputy Flanagan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ: 19507/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if consideration has been given to the full rollout of the community neurorehabilitation teams in all regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

The Programme for Government – 'Our Shared Future' - includes a commitment for advancing neuro-rehabilitation services in the community. The Health Service Executive is leading on the implementation framework in respect of the recommendations of the National Policy and Strategy for the provision of Neuro-Rehabilitation Services in Ireland 2011-2015.

The Neuro-Rehabilitation Strategy Implementation Framework (IF) was launched in February 2019. The overarching aim of the Strategy is the development of neuro-rehabilitation services to improve patient outcomes by providing safe, high quality, person-centred neuro-rehabilitation at the lowest appropriate level of complexity. This must be integrated across the care pathway and provided as close to home as possible or in specialist centres where necessary. These services are to be configured into population based Managed Clinical Rehabilitation Networks (MCRNs). The overarching aim is the development of population based MCRN's around the country.

Funding has been secured for a Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Team (CNRT) in CHO 2, 4, 6 & 7 and these teams are planned to be operational in Q4 2024. All CHOs are ready to progress to recruitment once Primary Notifications have been received.



There are two CNRTs in existence that predate the strategy in CHO 1 and CHO 3. There is currently no CNRT operational within CHO 5, 8 and 9. Moving forward with the strategy, the plan will be to enhance the existing CNRTs in CHO 1 and 3 and to create a population-based Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Team within each CHO or RHA.

Yours Sincerely,

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