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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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**PQ 2473/24 - To ask the Minister for Health to provide a progress update on the expansion of community intervention teams to prevent unnecessary hospital admissions and to support the timely discharge of patients to their homes, since the establishment of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**- Fergus O'Dowd**

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 2473/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Community Intervention Team (CIT) is a specialist health professional team who offer an extended service, usually from 8am to 9pm, seven days per week to facilitate a patients care in the community, home or nursing home (public & private) settings. The service offers an agile, enhanced and responsive community based service to prevent unnecessary hospital admission or attendance, and to facilitate/enable early discharge of patients from the acute setting that are appropriate for CIT care.

There is full national coverage across the 9 CHOs with 23 CITs currently in operation. Referrals to CIT continue to grow year on year. Based on Aug 2023 activity (most recent activity available), accepted referrals increased by over 9,070 in the first 7 months of last year which represents a 16.9% increase in numbers seen on the previous year. Activity has exceeded expected activity year on year. The total number of accepted referrals up to August 2023 was 62,892.

I trust the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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