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Dear Deputy Smith,

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: 2554/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if there are plans to set up a community neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO9; if he could provide a timeline for the establishment of a neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO9; 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 was secured in Budget 2024 for a 13 WTE Community Neuro Rehabilitation Teams (CNRT) in CHO 9 and early discussions have ensued with key stakeholders to consider the development of a team in this CHO, with a view to commencing in late 2024.

Yours Sincerely,

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