

15th May 2024

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Re: PQ 20007/24

'To ask the Minister for Health to enable recruitment for the community neurorehabilitation teams for which funding is available in 2024, as outlined in the HSE Service Plan; if he will commit to funding the remaining teams in Budget 2025, including to address the staffing shortage for the community neurorehabilitation team in CHO 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter'

Dear Deputy Shortall

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Query which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

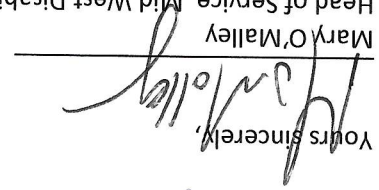
The Neuro-Rehabilitation Strategy Implementation Framework (IF) was launched in February 2019. The overarching aim of the Strategy is the development of neuro-rehabilitation services to improve patient outcomes by providing safe, high quality, person-centred neuro-rehabilitation at the lowest appropriate 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 MCRNs 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 CHO 3 and to create a population-based Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Team within each CHO or RHA.

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

Yours sincerely,



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