



**Oifig an Stiúrthóir Cúnta Náisiúnta,**  
Foireann Míchumais Náisiúnta,  
An Chéad Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15,  
Áras Phlásóg na Rós, Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile,  
Páirc Náisiúnta Teicneolaíochta,  
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9<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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Dear Deputy Ó Cathasaigh,

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: 35572/24**

*To ask the Minister for Health his plans to fund and appoint a community neurorehabilitation team for HSE community health organisation area 5, now one of only two CHOs without said service; if he intends to include it in his Department's budget asks for Budget 2025; 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 for a Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Team (CNRT) in CHO 2, 4, 6 & 7 and these teams are planned to be operational in Q4 2024. Funding was also secured for an additional team in CHO 9. All CHOs are ready to progress to recruitment.


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 and CHO 8. Estimates bids were submitted to Budget 2025 with the objective to uplift existing



teams in CHOs 1 and CHO 3 and establish teams in those CHOs that do not currently have funded CNRTs including CHO 5.

Moving forward with the strategy the plan will be to enhance the existing CNRTs and to create a large population-based Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Team within each RHA following the implementation of the new Regional Health Areas within Slaintecare.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Bernard O'Regan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Bernard O'Regan**  
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