

8th May 2025

Mr. Eoghan Kenny, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 21304/ 25

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for an update of the establishment of a community neurorehabilitation team for Cork and Kerry, funding for which team was announced in Budget 2022 and this team was committed to within the 2024 HSE Service Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Kenny,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to respond to your parliamentary question submitted to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for response.

As set out in the HSE National Service Plans for 2023 and 2024, the Cork and Kerry region is one of the areas allocated posts to develop a community neuro-rehabilitation team (CNRT). Recruitment for the 13 posts is at an advanced stage. Nine posts have been filled and induction is on-going for staff who have been on-boarded (see full details in the appendix to this letter).

The CNRT service will be provided from two bases: Baile Mhuire Day Care Centre, Tralee and the Gilbert Centre, Mallow. It will provide specialist review in the community which will support improved patient outcomes for people who require comprehensive rehabilitation provision.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

**Ms. Lorraine Egan,
A/ Head of Disability Services,
HSE South West.**



Appendix 1

Table 1: Recruitment status of Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Posts, HSE South West

Approved posts	Wholetime Equivalent Approved	Status of Recruitment
Physiotherapist, Senior	1	In progress
Physiotherapist, Senior	1	Onboarded
Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist	1	Onboarded
Occupational Therapist, Senior	1	Onboarded - Maternity leave
Occupational Therapist, Clinical Specialist	1	Onboarded - Maternity leave
Social Worker, Senior Medical	1	Onboarded
Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine	0.5	CAAC application approved April 25
CNRT Manager	1	Onboarded
Rehabilitation Assistant	1	Onboarded
Grade IV	1	Onboarded
Speech and Language Therapist, Clinical Specialist	1	Onboarded
Psychologist, Senior Clinical	1	In progress
Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist (Network Coordinator)	0.5	In progress