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Mr. Conor D. McGuinness TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

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To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality if she will commit to funding a community neuro-rehabilitation team for the southeast in Budget 2026, in line with the Programme for Government commitment to complete the national rollout.

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

The Programme for Government 'Our Shared Future' - includes a commitment for advancing neuro-rehabilitation services in the community. The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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).

Funding was approved to support the introduction of a managed clinical rehabilitation network demonstrator project. The focus of the demonstrator project is in the development of post-acute and community neuro-rehabilitation services across the former CHO6 (IHA Dublin/South Wicklow and former CHO7 (within HSE Dublin/Midlands Region). In terms of service provision, this is where the gap is most evident in terms of demonstrating a Network model.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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