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Deputy Joanna Byrne
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Re PQ 43899/25 - To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality if she plans to provide a community neuro-rehabilitation team in the Dublin and north-east region noting that they do not currently have one – Joanna Byrne

Dear Deputy Byrne,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

The Programme for Government – 'Securing Ireland's 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 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. The overarching aim is the development of population based Managed Clinical Rehabilitation Networks around the country.

Funding was secured for a 12 Whole Time Equivalent Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Team in the following areas - HSE Galway, Roscommon and Mayo, HSE South West, HSE Dublin South and Wicklow and HSE Dublin South West, South City and West and Kildare West Wicklow. Recruitment is progressing for these Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Teams and all four teams are being onboarded.

There is currently no Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Teams operational in Dublin and North East. Estimates bids will be submitted in Budget 2026 to fund a Community



Neuro-Rehabilitation Team in those Integrated Healthcare Areas/Regional Health Areas, including HSE Dublin and North East, that do not currently have a Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Team.

Moving forward with the strategy, the plan will be to enhance the existing Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Teams, fund those Integrated Health Areas/Regional Health Areas that do not have a Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Team and to create a large population-based Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Team within each Regional Health Area.

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

Yours sincerely,

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