

28<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Mr. Pa Daly, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ ref 11540/25**

**“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he will provide funding for community neurorehabilitation teams in CHO4, in line with the 2019 Neurorehabilitation Strategy Implementation Framework which committed to a team in each CHO; the steps he is taking to address the staff shortages; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Daly,

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 these posts is well advanced. Six 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 provide specialist review in the community. This will support improved patient outcomes for people who require comprehensive rehabilitation provision. The service will facilitate integrated service delivery throughout the patient journey.

The CNRT will provide a regional service from two bases; Baile Mhuire Day Care Centre, Tralee and the Gilbert Centre, Mallow. It is expected that CNRT will accept referrals from mid-April 2025 with recruitment ongoing for the remaining posts.

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

Yours sincerely,

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**Ms. Angela O'Neill,  
Head of Disability Services,  
HSE South West.**



## Appendix 1

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

Final approved posts	Total WTE Approved	Status of Recruitment
Physiotherapist, Senior	1	In progress
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Physiotherapist, Clinical Specialist	1	Onboarded
Occupational Therapist, Senior	1	In progress
Occupational Therapist, Clinical Specialist	1	In progress
Social Worker, Senior Medical	1	Onboarded
Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine	0.5	CAAC application submitted March 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