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Re: PQ ref 24431/25 – “To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality when the community neurorehabilitation team for CHO6, based in Bray, will start offering services to the public”

Dear Deputy Whitmore,

Thank you for your recent correspondence. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines 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 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 12 WTE Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Team (CNRT) HSE Dublin South and Wicklow. Recruitment is progressing for this team and moving toward on boarding.

The Disability Action Plan outlines a team of 18 WTE per CHO by 2026 to be reconfigured into one larger CNRT per RHA. Moving forward with the strategy, estimate bids will be submitted to Budget 2026 to enhance existing teams and fund CNRTs in those IHAs/RHAs that do not have funding already in order and to create a large population-based CNRT within each RHA following the implementation of the new Regional Health Areas within Sláintecare.

The Operational Lead for the Neuro-Rehabilitation Team has been appointed and is actively progressing the establishment of a CNRT. The CRNT will be a multi-professional team including a Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Psychology, Social Work and Nursing. This team will provide assessment and intensive therapy to people



in their own homes and in clinic based settings to person with a range of progressive or acquired neurological conditions.

We are working towards the commencement of the CNRT services before the end of Quarter 3 of 2025.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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