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**PQ: 28652/25**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the cost of fully funding all community neuro-rehabilitation teams; and the number of WTE required, by grade. -*

**PQ: 28713/25**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the cost of fully implementing and staffing outstanding community neuro-rehabilitation teams.*

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

Thank you for your Parliamentary Question referenced above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

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) in 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 teams and moving toward onboarding.

Please see the table on the next page for the WTE approved for CNRTs currently being recruited with an estimated full year cost of €1,095,679 excluding non-pay costs\* (costings based on March 2025 payscales)



Table 1 (costings based on March 2025 payscales) An estimated full year cost of €1,095,679 excluding non-pay costs

|  | <i>WTE Approved</i> |
|--|---------------------|
| <i>Clinical Nurse Specialist</i>                         | <i>1</i>            |
| <i>Clinical Specialist Occupational Therapist</i>        | <i>1</i>            |
| <i>Senior Occupational Therapist</i>                     | <i>1</i>            |
| <i>Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist</i>               | <i>1</i>            |
| <i>Senior Physiotherapist</i>                            | <i>1</i>            |
| <i>Clinical Specialist Speech and Language Therapist</i> | <i>1</i>            |
| <i>Social Worker, Senior Medical</i>                     | <i>1</i>            |
| <i>Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine</i>             | <i>0.5</i>          |
| <i>Operational Team Manager</i>                          | <i>1</i>            |
| <i>Psychologist Senior Clinical</i>                      | <i>1</i>            |
| <i>Therapy Assistant</i>                                 | <i>1</i>            |
| <i>Grade IV Admin</i>                                    | <i>1</i>            |
| <i>Rehabilitation Co-Ordinator</i>                       | <i>0.5</i>          |

There are two CNRTs in existence in HSE Donegal and HSE Mid West that predate the strategy. Estimates bids will be submitted to Budget 2026 to uplift these existing teams. There is currently no CNRT operational in HSE Carlow, Kilkenny, Tipperary South, Waterford/Wexford, HSE Midlands and HSE Dublin and North East. Estimates bids will be submitted to Budget 2026 to fund a CNRT in those IHAs/RHA that do not currently have a CNRT.

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, the plan will be to enhance the existing CNRTs, fund those IHAs/RHA that do not have a CNRT and to create a large population-based Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Team (CNRT) within each RHA following the implementation of the new Regional Health Areas within Slaintecare.

The HSE continues to engage with DCEDIY through the annual budgetary process to secure the necessary funding to establish this essential service nationally.

As per the 2025 National Service Plan, the HSE is committed to develop Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Teams (CNRTs) in line with the *Neuro-Rehabilitation Implementation Framework* (2019) and enhance capacity for its implementation nationally.

Yours sincerely,

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