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Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

**PQ: 49579/23**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the whole-term equivalent staff, by job title, that would be needed to be recruited to fully staff a community neurorehabilitation team, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

**HSE Response**

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.

In order to test the feasibility of this new MCRN model in the Irish context, a decision was made by the Neuro-Rehabilitation Steering Group to run two demonstrator projects within CHO 6 and CHO 7, to assess the feasibility of the model to inform national roll-out. Sláintecare provided funding in 2020 for two small CNRTs (5 WTE) in CHO 6 & 7. There were concerns around the small team size and agreeing a model of governance. Funding has been secured to establish four community neuro



rehabilitation teams (CNRT) in CHO 2, CHO 4, CHO 6 and CHO 7. Each CNRT will have a staff team of 13 WTE as outlined in the table below:

	WTE Approved
Clinical Nurse Specialist	1
Senior Occupational Therapist	1
Basic Grade Occupational Therapist	1
Senior Physiotherapist	1
Basic Grade Physiotherapist	1
Senior Speech and Language Therapist	1
Social Worker, Senior Medical	1
Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine	0.5
Grade VIII- Operational Team Lead	1
Psychologist Senior Clinical	1
Therapy Assistant	2
Grade IV Admin	1
Rehabilitation Co-Ordinator	0.5

I trust that this will be of assistance.

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