



30th June 2020

Deputy Louise O'Reilly, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

RE: PQ 10953/20

To ask the Minister for Health the recommended staffing per early supported discharge team under the National Stroke Programme; the costs of staff; the estimated cost of an early supported discharge team here; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

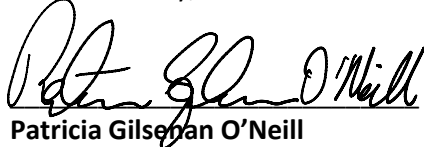
The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Programme for Stroke on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

Early Supported Discharge (ESD) is model of care shown to improve outcomes and reduce re-attendances in stroke patients. The National Clinical Programme for Stroke has submitted a 2 year plan for the roll out of ESD to cover 70% of the country's stroke caseload. The roll out of the National Clinical Programme for Stroke ESD plan will result in more efficient use of acute stroke beds and cost savings, with positive impacts on patient flow, acute stroke outcomes and the unscheduled care management of stroke patients in Ireland. The table below identifies the WTE and cost associated with an Early Supported Discharge Team.

DISCIPLINE	SALARY (midpoint)	PRSI (11.05%)	Total
1.0 WTE Senior Physiotherapist	€56,695	€6,265	€62,960
1.0 WTE Senior Occupational Therapist	€56,695	€6,265	€62,960
1.0 WTE Senior Speech and Language Therapist	€56,694	€6,265	€62,959
0.5 WTE Senior Medical Social Worker	€31,444	€3,475	€34,919
0.5 WTE Clinical Nurse Specialist	€26,459	€2,924	€29,383
1.0 WTE Therapy Assistant	€31,732	€3,506	€35,238
Non-pay costs			€30,000
Total cost of 1 ESD Team			€318,419

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

Yours sincerely,



Patricia Gilsean O'Neill
General Manager