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Deputy Louise O'Reilly

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

Dublin 2.

PQ 27464/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals with access to clinical psychology as part of stroke unit care; the estimated cost and staffing that is associated with ensuring that this service is available to all stroke units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Louise O'Reilly

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I am advised by the National Clinical Programme for Stroke that in the recently published Irish National Audit of Stroke (INAS) Organisational Audit Report 2021, NOCA reported that five out of the 24 stroke units across the country had access to clinical psychology.

The National Clinical Programme for Stroke has recommended that clinical psychology services be aligned to international staffing recommendations, with 16.9 extra posts to be created nationally across stroke services over 3 years at a total investment of €1.26 million.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Carol Ivory
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