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Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

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: 54524/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of staff in community neuro-rehabilitation teams in each CHO; the specific medical or healthcare posts in each team in each CHO; and the estimated full-year cost of providing a full neuro-rehabilitation team in each CHO, in tabular form.

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 National 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 Community Neuro Rehabilitation Teams (CNRTs) in CHO 6 & 7, with five WTE in each team. There were concerns around the small team size and agreeing a model of governance. Funding has since been secured in the 2023 budget 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
Staff Grade Occupational Therapist	1
Senior Physiotherapist	1
Staff 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

Local Implementation Groups (LIG) have been established in all four CHOs and all areas are ready to commence recruitment, pending approval to recruit in line with overall HSE recruitment targets.

The annual cost for each team of 13 WTE is €1,155,428.

I trust that this will be of assistance.

Mise le meas,



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