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Deputy Louise O'Reilly
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PQ 18945/24 - To ask the Minister for Health are there functioning stroke units in Cavan, Letterkenny and Naas as of April 2024; 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.

Acute Operations contacted RCSI Hospital Group, Saolta Hospital Group and Dublin Midlands Hospital Group for information in response to your question.

REO Dublin and North East/RCSI Hospital Group

Advised Cavan General Hospital has a 6 bedded Stroke Unit.

REO Dublin and Midlands/Dublin Midlands Hospital Group

Advised there is a functioning stroke unit in Naas General Hospital (NGH). Since March 2023, a pathway was put in place to bypass FAST positive patients by ambulance to Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) for hyper acute assessment/intervention. The patients are then repatriated back to NGH for their stroke care.

The long-term pathway of care is being worked through with the relevant stakeholders and we expect it to be finalised in the coming months. The proposal of this new pathway is being coordinated by the National Stroke Programme in line with best principles of care for our patients suffering with stroke.

REO West and North West/Saolta Hospital Group

Advised Letterkenny University Hospital operates an 8 bedded Stroke Unit based within the Hospital's Medical Service. This unit was opened in 2021 and is currently clinically managed by the Geriatric Service.

In addition, Letterkenny University Hospital has a 19 bedded Stroke and Medical Rehab Unit as a step down facility located on the campus of Letterkenny University Hospital which is also under the clinical governance of the Geriatric Service.

I trust this is of assistance to you.



Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nessa Lynch', written over a horizontal line.

Nessa Lynch
General Manager
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