

15th April 2024

Mr. Thomas Gould, TD,
Dáil Éireann,
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“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for an update on recruitment for the community neurological team in CHO 4.”

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for response. I apologise for the delay in reverting to you with this response.

Neuro-rehabilitation services play a critical role in supporting recovery and/or maximising ability of those with neurological conditions. Multi-disciplinary teams provide specialist neuro-rehabilitation for those with complex needs who do not require an in-patient stay and will also provide rehabilitation for those with neurological conditions who are moving back home from in-patient rehabilitation facilities.

In line with the Neuro-Rehabilitation Implementation Framework, I am pleased to advise funding of €450,000 has been allocated to CKCH in the National Service Plan 2023 (full-year €900,000 2024) for the recruitment of Community Neuro-rehabilitation Team staff across CKCH.

This project involves integration across all CKCH Care Groups and the South/South West Hospital Group. A number of posts will be assigned to Kerry to establish a team there and the remainder will be assigned to Cork.

Primary notifications are currently being sought for the approved Community Neuro-rehabilitation Team posts through the office of Healthcare Strategy – Disability and Mental Health Services, with recruitment to progress thereafter, in line with current HSE recruitment guidelines.

If you have further queries please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Officer