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To ask the Minister for Health the resources and funding that is required to ensure that all hospitals are able to participate fully in the Irish National Audit of Stroke; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) 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 (NCP) for Stroke on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The National Clinical Programme for Stroke is aware of the work by the Irish National Audit for Stroke (INAS), which is under the governance of the National Office of Clinical Audit (NOCA) since 2019.

The INAS dataset is currently available for completion at 24 acute sites around the country.

I have been informed that, to ensure the validity of datasets, INAS stipulates a requirement that individual sites must ensure data completion on at least 80% of stroke cases identified by hospital in-patient enquiry (HiPE) at their hospital site to be included in this national audit.

The total national coverage of stroke cases submitted to INAS by participating hospitals for 2022 was 90.1%.

It is difficult to estimate the resources and funding required to ensure that all hospitals are able to participate fully in the Irish National Audit of Stroke. There is no dedicated resource allocated to this specific role. INAS requires input of clinical data at source through the commitment of clinical teams in acute stroke units, comprising Medical, Nursing and Health and Social Care Professional (HSCP) colleagues.

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

Anne Horgan
General Manager

