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Deputy Donnelly,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 45057/24 - To ask the Minister for Health to provide a progress update on the expansion of community intervention teams to prevent unnecessary Hospital admissions and to support the timely discharge of patients to their homes, since January 2022.

-Paul Donnelly

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 45057/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Community Intervention Team (CIT) is a specialist health professional team who offer an extended service, usually from 8am to 9pm, seven days per week to facilitate a patients care in the community, home or nursing home (public & private) settings. The service offers an agile, enhanced and responsive community-based service to prevent unnecessary hospital admission or attendance, and to facilitate/enable early discharge of patients from the acute setting that are appropriate for CIT care.

There is full national coverage across the 9 CHOs with 23 CITs currently in operation. Referrals to CIT continue to grow year on year. Based on September 2024 activity (most recent activity available), accepted referrals increased by over 12,094 in the first 9 months. Activity has exceeded projected activity year to date. The total number of accepted referrals for 2022 was 83,834; for 2023 it was 95,962 as of September 2024 is 83,005.

I trust this is of assistance.

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