



**Oifig an Stiúrthóir Cúnta Náisiúnta,**  
Foireann Míchumais Náisiúnta,  
An Chéad Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15,  
Áras Phlásóg na Rós, Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile,  
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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 questions, which were submitted to this department for response.

**PQ: 39858/24**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the estimated full-year cost to the Exchequer of completing the rollout of CNRTs with a multidisciplinary team in each CHO.*

**PQ: 39861/24**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the estimated full-year cost to the Exchequer of increasing CNRT staffing by one whole-time equivalent.*

**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.



Funding was secured for a 12 WTE Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Team (CNRT) in CHO 2, 4, 6 & 7 and recruitment is progressing for these teams. Funding was also secured for an additional team in CHO 9.

There are two CNRTs in existence that predate the strategy in CHO 1 and CHO 3. There is currently no CNRT operational within CHO 5 and CHO 8. Estimates bids were submitted to Budget 2025 with the objective to uplift existing teams in CHOs 1 and CHO 3 and establish teams in those CHOs that do not currently have funded CNRTs including CHO 5.

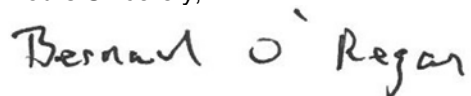
The Disability Action Plan outlines a team of 18 WTE per CHO by 2026 to be reconfigured into one larger CNRT per RHA.

The full year cost for a team of 18 WTE is €1,651,617 including non pay costs but requirements by region vary depending on level of funding received to date. It is estimated that the full cost in 2025 for a team of 18 WTE per CHO would be €4,332,659 and €8,665,317. This estimate is based on seeking to include a resource for 1 WTE Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine post in each large CNRT per RHA.

With regard to the estimated full-year cost to the Exchequer of increasing CNRT staffing by one whole-time equivalent, this would depend on the grade, discipline and point of salary scale.

Moving forward with the strategy the plan will be to enhance the existing CNRTs and to create a large population-based Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Team within each Regional Health Areas (RHA) following the implementation of the new RHA within Sláintecare.

Yours Sincerely,



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