



Oifig an Stiúrthóir Cúnta Náisiúnta,
Foireann Míchumais Náisiúnta,
An Chéad Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15,
Àras Phlásóg na Rós, Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile,
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Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ: 42899/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the level of investment in neurorehabilitation services in each of the years 2020 to 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form.

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. Recruitment is progressing for these teams. Funding was also secured for an additional team in CHO 9.



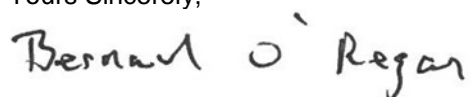
There are two CNRTs in existence that predate the strategy in CHO 1 and CHO 3. There is currently no CNRT operational within CHO 5 and CHO 8. Estimates bids were submitted to Budget 2025 with the objective to uplift existing teams in CHOs 1 and CHO 3 and establish teams in CHOs 5 & 8 that do not currently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

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.

With regard to investment in neurorehabilitation services in each of the years 2020 to 2023 and to date in 2024, funding to date is as follows:

- €590,000 was provided for care redesign in 2020.
- €1.8m was provided in 2023 for new developments.
- €1.4M was provided in 2024 for new developments.

Yours Sincerely,



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