



6th February 2025

Deputy Barry Ward, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

RE: PQ 2111/25

To ask the Minister for Health if he will establish an all-Ireland approach to rehabilitative medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Ward,

The Health Service Executive 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 Advisor and Group Lead for Older Persons (NCAGL OP) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

There is currently a HSE National Clinical Programme for Rehabilitation Medicine (NCPRM), a National Strategy and Policy for the Provision of Neuro-Rehabilitation Services in Ireland¹ and a HSE National Model of Care for Specialist Rehabilitation Medicine² (published in 2017).

In researching and developing the Model of Care for Specialist Rehabilitation Medicine², NCPRM examined in detail national/international evidence base and existing recommendations for organisation of specialist rehabilitation services across English-speaking OECD countries.

The three-tier model of complexity-of-need outlined in this model of care has formed the basis for the commissioning of specialist rehabilitation services in England and Wales since the designation of Brain Injury and Complex Rehabilitation as a specialist service.

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

References:

1. <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/disability/neurorehabilitation/national-strategy-policy-for-the-provision-of-neuro-rehabilitation-services-in-ireland.pdf>
2. <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/clinical-strategy-and-programmes/model-of-care-for-specialist-rehab-medicine.pdf>