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Deputy Darren O'Rourke,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: PQ 46822/24 - To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to detail the funding provided for neuro-disability services in County Meath in 2022, 2023, 2024 and planned for 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

Similarly to the response provided for PQ Ref 46823/24. The HSE's National Office of Change Planning and Delivery for Disability services are working to progress the implementation of the National Policy & Strategy for the provision of Neuro-Rehabilitation Services 2011-2015 (referred to hereafter as 'the Strategy'). The Strategy outlines a proposed framework for neuro-rehabilitation service provision indicating the need for responsive services at various levels. It also calls for the establishment of managed clinical rehabilitation networks across the country to facilitate the development of integrated quality neuro-rehabilitation services.

The National Steering Group (NSG) is responsible, in conjunction with nominated CHO's, for the setup of the Local Implementation Teams as outlined in the National Strategy & Policy for the Provision of Neuro-Rehabilitation Services in Ireland.

There are two CHOs nominated and designated funding has been allocated to CHO6 & CHO7 as they work closely with National Rehabilitation Hospital (NRH). New service development funding was granted for additional services in CHO2 and CHO4 in 2023.

Funding of 1.4m in 2024 and 2.8m in full year 2025 was allocated to CHO6 & CHO7. Currently CHO8 for which Meath is part of, is not funded for a community neuro-rehabilitation team and therefore if we were to set up a community neuro-rehabilitation team this funding would need to be provided.

At present I wish to reaffirm that CHO8 is not one of the CHO's nominated with funding for such a team.

In the absence of funding for Meath under the National National Policy & Strategy for the provision of Neuro-Rehabilitation Services, the Meath adult team do support service users with Physical & Sensory disabilities and provide access to support services such as Home Support and Respite.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wanetta Duff".

Wanetta Duff
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