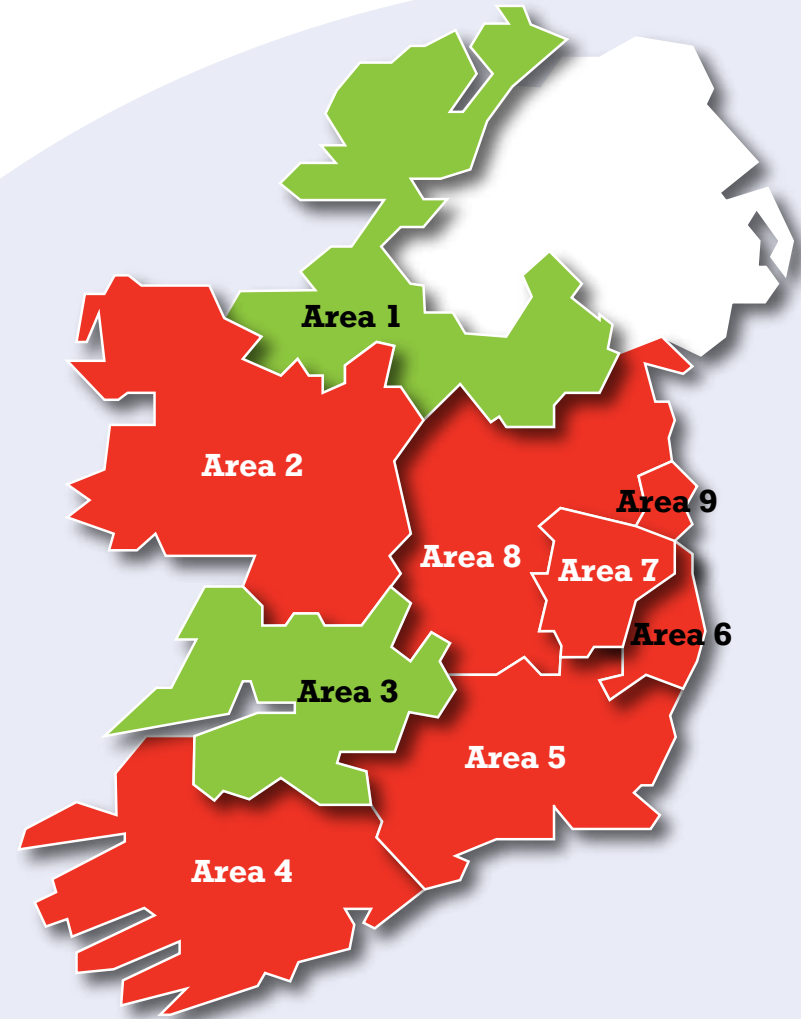


Only 15% of neurological patients in Ireland have access to a community neurorehabilitation team^{1,2}

The National Strategy for Neurorehabilitation states that 9 teams are required but only 2 have been delivered¹. Everyone deserves access to community neurorehabilitation teams.

Investing in community neurorehabilitation teams improves function and wellbeing for patients⁵. These teams are also cost effective: saving up to 42,000 bed days each year³. For every 1 euro spent on teams, the health service saves 11 euros^{4,7}.

In the map opposite: the areas highlighted in green have a team while the areas highlighted in red do not.



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MORE INFORMATION

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Neurological Alliance of Ireland

The Neurological Alliance of Ireland (NAI) brings together 30 non-profit organisations to advocate for the rights of 800,000 people in Ireland living with a neurological condition.

Neurological conditions affect the brain and spinal cord. They are the leading cause of disability throughout the world and include many common conditions such as stroke, dementia, migraine, epilepsy and acquired brain injury as well as rare neurological conditions such as Huntington's and motor neurone disease.

Founded in 2003, the NAI advocates for the development of quality services for people with neurological conditions. Our campaigns are rooted in the experience of our members and the people and families with whom they work. We provide a unified and expert voice on neurological care through research advocacy, policy development and education.

Further information is available at www.nai.ie

¹ HSE National Strategy & Policy for the Provision of Neuro-Rehabilitation Services in Ireland, Implementation Framework 2019 - 2021

² <https://www.hse.ie/eng/staff/resources/our-workforce/workforce-reporting/workforce-intelligence-by-community-healthcare-organisation.html>

Calculation

Population CHO1 = 389,048

Population CHO3 = 385,172

Total Population (CHO1 + CHO3) = 770,220

Population of Republic of Ireland = 5,150,000

Total Population served by community neuro-rehabilitation teams = 770,220 / 5,150,000 = 15%

³ HSE National Strategy & Policy for the Provision of Neuro-Rehabilitation Services in Ireland, Implementation Framework 2019 - 2021, Page 27, Calculation of Bed Days

Calculation

Total Bed Days = 234,347 - 41,596 (CHO1 + CHO3) = 192,751

Average Stay = 13.6 days

Number of days saved due to team = 3 days

Number of bed days saved = 192,751/13.6 = 14,173 x 3 = 42,518 days

⁴ HSE National Policy for the Provision of Neuro-Rehabilitation Services in Ireland, Implementation Framework 2019 - 2021, Page 4, Calculation of Savings

Calculation

Total cost saving = 42,518 days x €850 = €36,140,300

Cost of team = €450,000 (reference 7)

Number of teams needed = 7

Total costs of new teams = €450,000 x 7 = €3,150,000

Saving per €1 spent on team = €36,140,300/€3,150,000 = €11.47

⁵ <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/health/treatment-tests-and-therapies/neurological-rehabilitation>

⁶ <https://www.nrh.ie/rehabilitation-services/clinical-therapy-rehabilitation-services/>

⁷ <https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/debates/debate/dail/2022-09-28/19/>