

Take action now for local neurology services

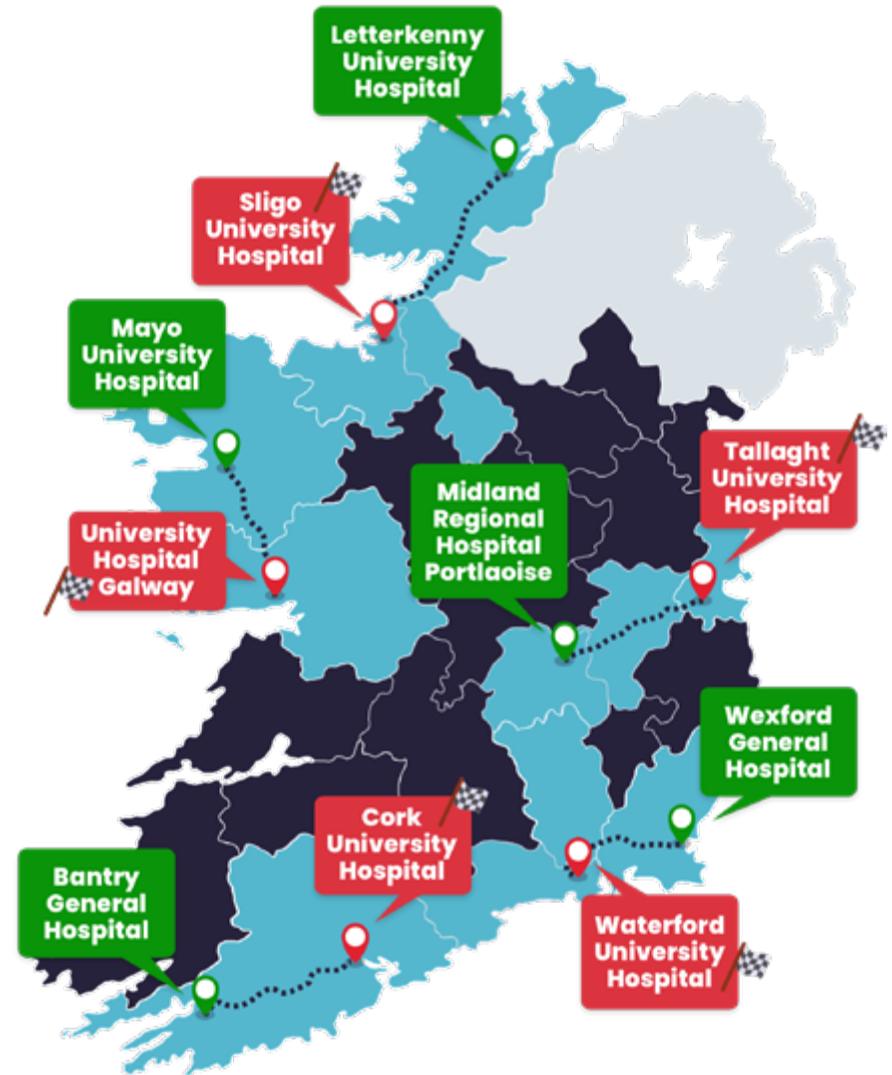
Neurology patients are travelling 60-112km to see their neurologists¹.

Access to a Consultant Neurologist should be equally distributed across the country² and the care you receive should not depend on where you live.

Prolonged travel and the risk of delayed diagnosis are associated with poorer outcomes and increased costs of care^{3,4}.

Support our call for Consultant Neurology services for 5 regional hospitals in Bantry, Letterkenny, Wexford, Portlaoise and Mayo.

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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, acquired brain injury, Parkinson's disease and multiple sclerosis 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 Average travel distances from local hospitals to main hospitals:

- Bantry General Hospital to Cork University Hospital = 80km
- Mayo University Hospital to University Hospital Galway = 76km
- Midland Regional Hospital Portlaoise to Tallaght University Hospital = 75km
- Wexford General Hospital to Waterford University Hospital = 60km
- Letterkenny University Hospital to Sligo University Hospital = 112km

² Model of Care for Neurology Services in Ireland (2016) Health Services Executive & Royal College of Physicians Ireland

³ Diagnostic delay of multiple sclerosis: prevalence, determinants and consequences; Uher et al, Multiple Sclerosis Journal 2023

⁴ Cost of Illness Progression Before and After Diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis; Murley et al, Pharmacoeconomics 2021