



NEUROLOGICAL ALLIANCE
of IRELAND

THE RIGHT CARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE

Call for Investment in Neurology
and Neurorehabilitation Services
in Budget 2027 to Tackle
Regional Inequity and Improve
Timely Access to Specialist Care
for People with Neurological
Conditions

PRE-BUDGET SUBMISSION 2027

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Ask 1

INVESTMENT IN NEUROLOGY SERVICES

NAI is calling for investment of €1M towards the provision of sustainable dedicated neurology services in regional hospitals and specialist pathways for timely diagnosis and appropriate care

Ask 2

INVESTMENT IN REGIONAL NEUROREHABILITATION SERVICES

The South-East remains the only region that has not been funded to date for a community neurorehabilitation team.

NAI is calling for funding of €1.2M for a community neurorehabilitation team for the Southeast to deliver on the commitment within the current Programme for Government to complete the rollout of community neurorehabilitation teams

Ask 1: Investment in Neurology Services

NAI April 2026 REPORT: 'Towards an Equitable Integrated Neurology Service for Ireland', highlighted critical gaps in neurology services across Ireland a decade on from the publication of a National Model of Care for Neurology.



- Increasing demand and growing waiting lists for Neurology Services
- Regional inequity in access to Neurology Services
- Significant impact on patients of lengthy waiting times, travelling to services and gaps in specialist care

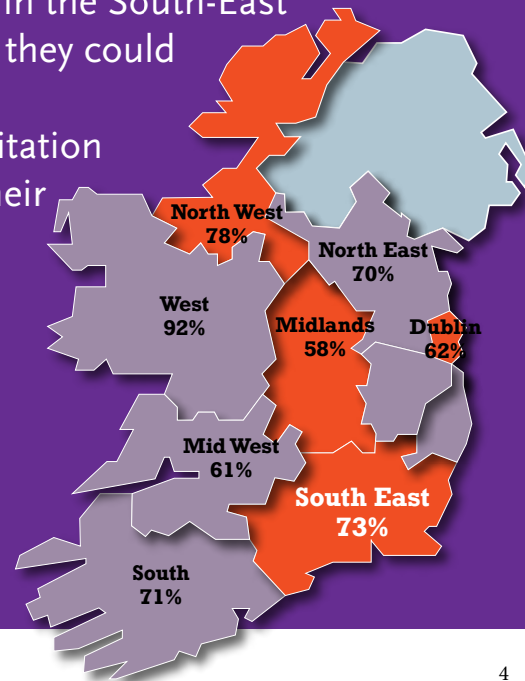
NAI IS CALLING FOR €1M INVESTMENT IN NEUROLOGY SERVICES IN BUDGET 2027 IN LINE WITH THIS COMMITMENT IN ORDER TO:

- Target regional inequity by continuing the rollout of neurology services to regional hospitals
- Invest in specialist pathways for timely diagnosis and appropriate care

Ask 2: Investment in Neurorehabilitation Services

INVESTMENT OF €1.2M IN BUDGET 2027 IN REGIONAL NEUROREHABILITATION SERVICES:

- The South-East remains the only region across Ireland that has not received funding for a community neurorehabilitation team
- A national survey carried out by the Neurological Alliance of Ireland in 2025, involving over 600 people living with a neurological condition, found that 73% of respondents in the South-East reported that they could not access neurorehabilitation services in their community



COMMUNITY NEUROREHABILITATION IN THE SOUTH-EAST IS CRITICALLY NEEDED IN ORDER TO:

- Tackle regional inequity in access to neurorehabilitation in the South-East
- Provide access to critical neurological therapies for people with neurological conditions across the South East
- Reduce unnecessary hospital admissions
- Reduce delayed discharges

Patient Testimonials



Charis:
***Living with Functional
Neurological Disorder (FND)***
Dublin

“My diagnosis with my neurological condition at such a young age has changed my life drastically. It was so incredibly disappointing to realise that I had no access to specialist services and multidisciplinary expertise for my condition. I think of how easier my life could be if investment is provided in condition specific pathways for individual neurological conditions”where you live”



Nicola:
Living with Muscular Dystrophy
Wexford

“As a person living with a neurological condition, I feel having access to facilities that specialise in this field in the southeast region would be an absolute game changer for me and for many others. I shouldn't be filled with dread when an appointment comes. Having said that, we maybe a small country but we are a rich country, and having to fight for a specialised facilities to meet the needs of the southeast region, this would help me and many others to live their lives to the fullest, in which we have a right to”



Eileen:
Living with Epilepsy
Longford

“Living with a regional hospital just under an hour away, I should be able to feel confident to have access to the appropriate neurology care. My local hospital has only a limited visiting neurology service so along with many people like me across the country we spend days travelling to clinics, to avoid symptoms worsening. We simply ask for the quality of life we deserve, access to neurology services should not depend on where you live”

About the Neurological Alliance of Ireland

The Neurological Alliance of Ireland (NAI) brings together over forty non-profit organisations to advocate for the rights of the over 860,000 people in Ireland living with a neurological condition. 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 united and expert voice on neurological care through advocacy, policy development and awareness raising.

Further Information

Further information and costings are available on request by contacting NAI Chief Executive Officer Magdalen Rogers at mr Rogers@nai.ie

MEMBER ORGANISATIONS OF THE NEUROLOGICAL ALLIANCE OF IRELAND

Acquired Brain Injury Ireland	Croí	Irish Hospice Foundation	Peamount Healthcare
Alzheimer Society of Ireland	Dublin Neurological Institute	Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association	Polio Survivors Ireland
An Saol	Dystonia Ireland	Migraine Association of Ireland	PSPA Ireland
Aphasia Ireland	EOPD Ireland	Move4Parkinson's	Spinal Injuries Ireland
Ataxia Foundation Ireland	Enable Ireland	Multiple Sclerosis Society of Ireland	Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Ireland
Bloomfield Health Services	Epilepsy Ireland	Muscular Dystrophy Ireland	The Rehab Group
Brain Tumour Ireland	FND Ireland	Neurofibromatosis Association of Ireland	Vision Ireland
Cheshire Ireland	Headway Ireland	North West MS Therapy Centre	
Chronic Pain Ireland	Huntington's Disease Association of Ireland	Parkinson's Ireland	
Crann Centre	Irish Heart Foundation		



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