

## DELIVERING ON THE PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT COMMITMENTS ON NEUROLOGICAL CARE

- According to the World Health Organisation, neurological conditions now represent the leading cause of disability worldwide
- One in six adults in Ireland are living with a neurological condition
- Both adults and children across Ireland living with neurological conditions face significant challenges in accessing diagnosis, ongoing treatment and neurorehabilitation services

BUDGET 2026 SAW  
WELCOME INVESTMENT  
TO BEGIN TO DELIVER  
ON THE COMMITMENTS  
WITHIN THE CURRENT  
PROGRAMME FOR  
GOVERNMENT

### NEUROLOGY SERVICES

- Increase the number of neurology nurse specialists
- Increase the number of consultant neurologists

**CONTEXT:** Outpatient Neurology Waiting Lists currently stand at over 22,000 for adults and over 1,700 for children

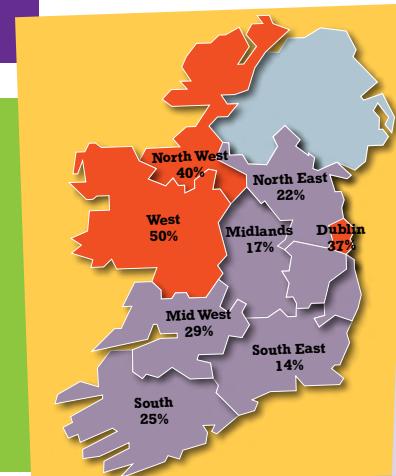
### NEURO-REHABILITATION SERVICES

- Complete the national rollout of community neuro-rehabilitation teams

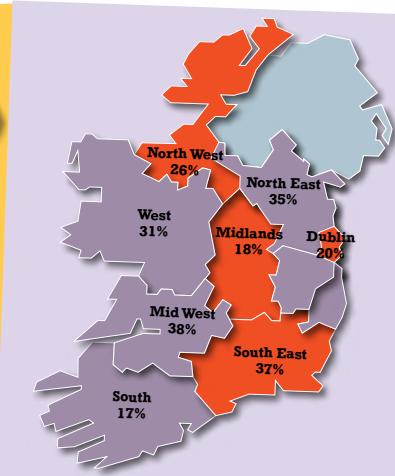
**CONTEXT:** Positive Progress: €3m investment in community neurorehabilitation teams in Budget 2026 to complete the rollout of community neurorehabilitation teams

THE NEUROLOGICAL ALLIANCE OF IRELAND'S 2024 PATIENT  
EXPERIENCE SURVEY HIGHLIGHTED CLEAR GAPS IN NEUROLOGY AND  
NEUROREHABILITATION SERVICES FOR ADULTS ACROSS IRELAND

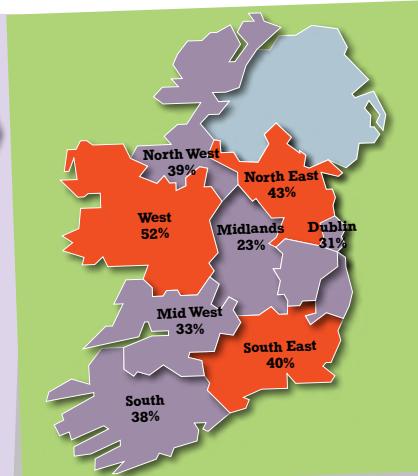
Percentage reporting waiting  
times of 1-2 years to see a  
Neurologist



Percentage of respondents  
reporting never having had  
access to neuro-rehabilitation  
services



Percentage of respondents  
reporting never having had an  
appointment with a specialist  
nurse



### COMMITMENTS IN THE CURRENT PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT

- Develop more regional inpatient neuro-rehabilitation beds

**CONTEXT:** Shortage of 175 post-acute neurorehabilitation beds across Ireland critically impacting on patient care and exacerbating delayed discharges

- Implement community based multidisciplinary neuro-rehabilitation services in each Health Region

**CONTEXT:** Critical shortage of long-term neurorehabilitation support beyond the 12 weeks provided by a community neurorehabilitation team

## SUSTAINED COMMITMENT IS NEEDED TO:

- Tackle critical staffing deficits within neurology and specialist nursing services for children and adults with a neurological condition
- Develop regional neurology and neurorehabilitation services to deliver the care that is needed closer to where people live
- Ensure that the necessary policy and leadership is in place to drive the development of neurology and neurorehabilitation services

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