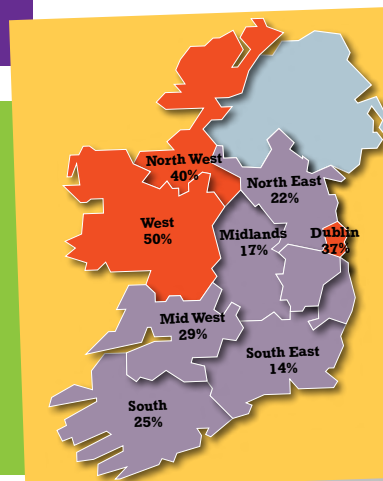


DELIVERING ON THE PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT COMMITMENTS ON NEUROLOGICAL CARE

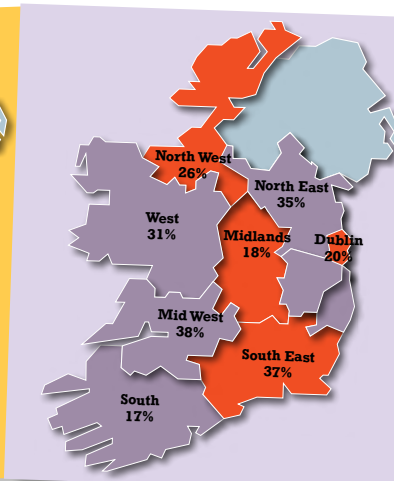
- According to the World Health Organisation, neurological conditions now represent the leading cause of disability worldwide
- One in six adults in Ireland are living with a neurological condition
- Both adults and children across Ireland living with neurological conditions face significant challenges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

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

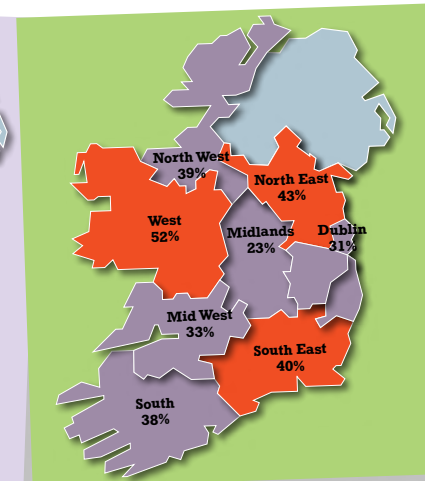
Percentage reporting waiting
times of 1-2 years to see a
Neurologist



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



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

COMMITMENTS IN 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

- ◇ 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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