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  - This figure is set to rise to 860,000 in 10 years time
  - As a comparison, 110,000 Irish people live with a diagnosis of cancer
- Neurological conditions account for one in five attendances to A&E and one in eight to a GP
- Ireland has lowest number of consultant neurologists and consultants in neurorehabilitation in Europe
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