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Deputy Robert Troy,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ 42926/20

To ask the Minister for Health if he will put in place additional adult service supports in CHO8 to assist patients dealing with eating disorders.

Dear Deputy Troy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

There is a plan to have 8 Adult Eating Disorder Specialist Teams across the country in line with the approved Model of Care for Eating Disorders. Programme for Government funding was approved for a number of demonstration CAMHS Eating Disorder Specialist Teams and Adult Eating Disorder Specialist Teams via the Mental Health National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders and are in recruitment as a part of the implementation of the approved Model of Care for Eating Disorders. There are currently three (3) Eating Disorders Specialist Teams in operation - 2 CAMHS Eating Disorders teams serving CHO4 and CHO7, and 1 (partial) Adult Eating Disorder team based in CHO6.

Based on the HSE Model of Care for Eating Disorders and using the CHO structure, CHO8 will be split so that Laois/Offaly will be covered by the ED hub team currently being developed in CHO6 (when fully staffed). Longford/Westmeath and Louth will be covered by the ED hub team based in CHO 9. (page 80 MOC).

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/ncps/mental-health/eating-disorders/moc/hse-eating-disorder-services-model-of-care.pdf>

In addition to specialist eating disorder services, adults with eating disorders can access treatment from local community mental health teams. There are currently 111 adult community mental health teams nationwide. 90% of new / re-referred adults are offered an appointment within 12 weeks. Urgent referrals will be seen within one week, and routine referrals will be seen within four to six weeks.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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