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Mr. Robert Troy T.D.,  
Minister of State with responsibility for Trade Promotion,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**Re: Parliamentary Question - 42928/20**

To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider putting funding in place to provide treatment centres or community specialist services to support those with eating disorders in CHO8. -Robert Troy

Dear Minister 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 outline response as follows.

Firstly, please accept my apology for the delay in replying to you.

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 Disorder Specialist Teams in operation – 2 CAMHS Eating Disorder 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 CHO9 (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 the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah McBride". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

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**Sarah McBride**

Chief Officer

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