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9<sup>th</sup> December 2020,  
Deputy Mark Ward,  
Dail Eireann,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 38759/20**

**To ask the Minister for Health the public treatment services available to adults presenting with an eating disorder; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

Adults with eating disorders can access treatment from local community mental health teams. There are currently 111 adult community mental health teams nationwide where 90% of referrals are offered an appointment within 12 weeks. All referrals are triaged to identify need where urgent referrals are offered appointments sooner.

There is a plan to have 8 adult ED teams across the country in line with Model of Care for Eating Disorders. Currently there is one partial team in place serving just CHO6. There are 3 dedicated adult Eating Disorder beds in SVUH. It should be noted that these beds are not National beds they are beds that have been dedicated to Eating Disorder in CHO6 for many years. In other parts of the HSE adult patients are currently admitted to local general adult mental health units and attend generic inpatient treatment programmes.

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

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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