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Deputy Martin Browne, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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RE: PQ 22071/20

To ask the Minister for Health if a deadline has been set to appoint a clinical lead for the National Clinical Programme for Dual Diagnosis; and the reason that a replacement has not yet been appointed.

Dear Deputy Browne,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Advisor and Group Lead (NCAGL) for Mental Health on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The HSE is finalising the job description and Model of Care for the National Clinical Programme for Dual Diagnosis (NCP DD) and will be advertising for the role of Clinical Lead in the coming few weeks. At the same time, we are meeting with key stakeholders to make sure that all aspects of the programme are addressed. We are also progressing on the appointment of a Programme Manager for this programme.

Covid-19 has delayed the appointment of a clinical lead in the last 6 months but we are hopeful that we will be able to initiate it in the coming few months.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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