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RE: PQ 27402/20

To ask the Minister for Health if a model of care has been drafted in relation to the National Clinical Programme for Dual Diagnosis; if it has been published; 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 relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the Office of the National Clinical Advisor and Group Lead (NCAGL) for Mental Health on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

To date, the National Clinical Programme for Dual Diagnosis has progressed to the stage that there is a draft Model of Care in place which takes account of service user views, and describes the clinical pathway for patients with substance misuse and significant (moderate to severe) mental illness, including connectivity with primary care substance misuse services, community mental health service and acute services. This has been informed by international best practice and the experience of the National Working Group. The draft Model of Care will not be published until it is finalised by the National Clinical Lead for the Comorbid Mental Illness and Substance Misuse National Clinical Programme, and approved by the Office of the Chief Clinical Officer.

The vacant post of National Clinical Lead for the Dual Diagnosis National Clinical Programme has recently been advertised to lead on the continued development of the clinical programme across mental health services and finalisation of the draft model of care.

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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