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Deputy Mark Ward
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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PQ ref 5285/21 – To ask the Minister for Health the status of the expansion of the adult eating disorder team in St. Vincent's University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter - Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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

Community Healthcare East has 3 dedicated beds for eating disorders based in St. Vincent's University Hospital. This site has been identified as a hub for an Adult ED team (see Model of Care page 80) <https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/ncps/mental-health/eating-disorders/moc/hse-eating-disorder-services-model-of-care.pdf>

Currently community accommodation has been identified for this hub team on the grounds of the Old Mount Carmel Hospital which will give a team base and facilities for outpatient and day programmes. It is anticipated that the team will have access to this in Q2 2021.

The Eating Disorder team in St. Vincent' University Hospital has expanded by the addition of two WTEs. Further recruitment for this hub team is currently planned.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Martina Behan,
General Manager Mental Health
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