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Deputy Holly Cairns  
Dail Eireann,  
Dublin 2.

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**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the location of the two adult ADHD teams recruited under the ADHD in Adults National Clinical Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Holly Cairns**

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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.

It might be helpful to explain that the primary reason a Clinical Programme for adults with ADHD is being developed by the HSE is because of the lack of services.

The Mental Health Services in response to the now well established facts that:

1. ADHD persists in whole or part into adulthood in 60% of children with ADHD
2. It can have a significantly adverse impact on the person's life

have prioritised the development of a Model of Care for evidence based services available nationally. This does mean that in the meantime it can be difficult to get advice or help.

The ADHD in Adults National Clinical Programme has received a total funding allocation to date of €1.3m and this allows for three demonstration sites, CHO1 (Donegal/Sligo/Leitrim), CHO3 (Limerick) and CHO6 (Dublin).

Recruitment for these services has begun and some services are in place for patients in Limerick and Donegal/Sligo/Leitrim. Further funding will be required to roll out services to other Community Health Organisation (CHO) areas.

In the meantime it is suggested that nevertheless, people do ask their GPs to refer them to their local mental health service. The services have been advised to refer to NICE guidelines 2018 and 2019 on the assessment and management of children, adolescents and adults with ADHD for guidance.

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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