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Re: PQ ref 57527/21– To ask the Minister for Health if recruitment has begun for the dual diagnosis team in CHO3; the location in which the team will be operational; the location of same; the supports it will provide; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ward,

The Mid-West was selected as a pilot site for the development of a Dual Diagnosis team by the National Clinical Programme, which will offer services to the public in the Mid-West Region. The Mid-West was granted funding for the Dual Diagnosis Team under New Development Posts for 2021. The team consists of 13 Whole Time Equivalents and the location is to be finalised

To date a Consultant has been appointed on a part time basis as lead for the Dual Diagnosis Team through the National Clinical Programme Office. The Recruitment process of the remaining team is progressing and it is anticipated that posts will be filled in Quarter 1, 2022.

The National Office along with the Consultant Psychiatrist is leading out on the development of the Model of Care for Dual Diagnosis that will be used nationally. This is a positive development for the Mid-West and for the people who will require the support and intervention of this team. As soon as the model is developed we will be happy to share it.

I trust this answers your queries, please feel free to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely,

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