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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the details of the commitment in Budget 2022 to provide two CAMHS hubs - Martin Browne

Dear Deputy Browne,

HSE Mental Health Planning has been requested to respond to you with regard to your Parliamentary Question above.

Under the HSE Corporate Plan 2020-2023, the National Service Plan 2021, and in line with Recommendations 2, 31 and 31 of Sharing the Vision: A Mental Health Policy for Everyone, HSE Mental Health propose to resource CAMHS Mental Health Hubs on a phased basis, to offer an alternative response to inpatient admission, when appropriate.

Evidence shows digital solutions involving the use of information and communication technologies can be instrumental in reducing levels of unmet need. The benefits of using such solutions include; improved accessibility, consistency, and the quality and range of service offerings.

The CAMHS Mental Health Hubs will incorporate the provision of tele-psychiatry facility. In 2021, phase one of the CAMHS Hub development commenced with provision made for the identification of three pilot sites in CHO 2, CHO 3 and CHO 4, and the planned development of a Model of Care. The Model of Care, due for completion in Q.1 2022, will provide the overarching approach to service delivery to be taken in the pilot development.

In 2022, it is proposed to progress an additional two CAMHS hubs pilot sites. It is anticipated recruitment for sites will take approximately six months; therefore the budget allocation outlined of €0.64m represents costs for six months implementation, with full year costs amounting to €1.15m.

I trust this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely,

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