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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the national clinical care programme for dual diagnosis; and the location in which and when it will be rolled out - Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

The HSE re-established the National Clinical Programme for Dual Diagnosis in 2021 and the National Clinical Lead took up post in late June 2021. Since that date, a National Working Group has been re-established and this interagency multi-disciplinary team are mandated to develop a Model of Care to support individuals with a Dual Diagnosis. The HSE expects to have the draft Model of Care completed by the end of 2021.

One of the key components of this Model of Care is the establishment of specialist teams throughout the HSE to support individuals with Dual Diagnosis. The first pilot site for a Dual Diagnosis team is planned in CHO 3 and discussions are taking place with CHO 3 regarding the site of the team and other associated issues with regards to recruitment of a multidisciplinary team. It is expected that the posts in CHO 3 will be advertised before the end of 2021. Further pilot sites will be finalised following CHO 3 in a phased manner.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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