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RE: PQ 19971/22

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the work of the clinical lead on dual diagnosis

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in relation to the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have consulted with the National Clinical Programme for Dual Diagnosis (NCP DD) on your question and have been informed that the following outlines the position.

The National Clinical Lead (NCL) for the National Clinical Programme for Dual Diagnosis commenced in post at the end of June 2021. This is a secondment post, comprising two days a week for a period of two years.

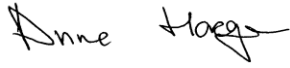
The National Clinical Lead (NCL) and Programme Manager (PM) for NCP DD have been involved in reconstituting the National Working Group (NWG) for Dual Diagnosis. The National Clinical Lead is Chair of this National Working Group, which has been meeting since July 2021. The National Clinical Lead was also actively involved in drafting the Model of Care for Dual Diagnosis which was presented to HSE Chief Clinical Officer (CCO) Clinical Forum on 7th April 2022 and received HSE clinical approval by the CCO Clinical Forum.

Both the National Clinical Lead (NCL) and Programme Manager (PM) for NCP DD have been involved in discussions with Community Healthcare Organisations (CHOs), namely CHO-3 and CHO-4, regarding the establishment of Adult Dual Diagnosis Teams. NCL and PM for NCP DD are also in the process of negotiations/discussions with CHO-9 regarding establishing an Adolescent Dual Diagnosis Hub Team.

Furthermore, NCL and PM for NCP DD have been working in partnership with HSE Mental Health Services, HSE Social Inclusion (Addiction Services), HSE Integrated Alcohol Services, National Office for Suicide Prevention (NOSP), HSE Mental Health Engagement and Recovery, and voluntary bodies in drafting the Model of Care for Dual Diagnosis, in addition to implementation at initial sites and planning in respect of training requirements.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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General Manager