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PQ 62873/22 – “To ask the Minister for Health if funding can be made available for adult ADHD clinics in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter.” – Seán Haughey TD

Dear Deputy Haughey,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Further to the Parliamentary Question 58197/22, issued to you on 5th December 2022, I wish to advise that Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) Mental Health Adult Community Services continues to accept and treat people referred with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) who have high rates of co-morbid mental health disorders, particularly anxiety and depression. Referrals received by our services relating directly to the access to treatment and prescribing for Adults with ADHD are currently outside the scope of practice of secondary specialist Adult General Community Mental Health Teams.

Due to the absence of services in Ireland for the assessment and treatment of ADHD in adults, HSE Mental Health, Clinical Design and Innovation and the College of Psychiatry of Ireland has prioritised the development of a Clinical Programme This Model of Care was launched in January 2021 and when fully implemented, 11 Adult ADHD Clinics will be established nationwide. These clinics will provide assessment and multi-modal treatment in community mental health settings, in line with the Model of Care to assist the provision of access to diagnosis and treatment for adults with ADHD. In 2022 the Executive Clinical Directors for Mental Health in CHO DNCC met with representatives from the National Clinical Programme to make representations for CHO DNCC to be included in future Estimates process, unfortunately we have not received any funding to date for this. I recognise that this represents a gap in our service and we are continuing to make every effort to close this gap.

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

Yours sincerely,

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