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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the reason a facility (details supplied) does not align with the implementation plan for the HSE National Model of Care; if consideration will be given to same on an interim basis given the expansion planned for Mount Carmel Community Hospital is not due for completion until June 2022 and the facility is in CHO6 the same catchment area as Mount Carmel Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter - 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 National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders (NCPED) published the Model of Care (MOC) document for Eating Disorder Services in January 2018 in partnership with Bodywhys and The College of Psychiatrists Ireland. This document outlines the HSE plan for eating disorder services in Ireland. Key recommendations include the development of a national network of specialist community eating disorder teams embedded within the mental health service, a stepped model of outpatient, day patient and inpatient care provision based on clinical need, and the development of a skilled, trained workforce.

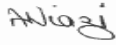
There are currently 3 teams operational: 2 CAMHS (CHO4), (CHO7) and 1 adult team (CHO6). 3 additional teams in CHO4 (adult), CHO9 (adult) and CHO2 (CAMHS) are in the advanced stages of recruitment and funding has been secured for further teams in 2022. As a result we expect to have 9 community eating disorder teams delivering a service by the end of 2022. The HSE NCPED remains committed to the establishment of a complete Eating Disorder network (8 adult teams and 8 CAMHS teams) and the full implementation of the MOC.

A meeting was held on March 24th 2021 between NEDRC and NCPED where the NEDRC presented an overview of the service, which is not aligned with the NCPED MOC. The NCPED MOC recommends specialist inpatient psychiatric beds within acute hospitals and linked to all community adult eating disorder teams in the future.

The NEDRC is a private facility available for the treatment of Eating Disorders but it is not aligned with the HSE Model of Care.

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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