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Denise Mitchell TD,
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PQ 63354/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychiatrists in CHO9 available to treat persons with ADHD; and if he will make a statement on the matter- Denise Mitchell TD

Dear Deputy Mitchell,

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

I wish to advise our Child & Adolescent Mental Health Dublin North City & County services have 14 Consultant Psychiatrists who are available to treat persons with ADHD. There are also 14 NCHD's, who under the supervision of their team consultant are available to treat persons with ADHD.

Our Mental Health Adult Community Services continue to accept and treat people referred with ADHD who are known to have high rates of co-morbid mental health disorders, particularly anxiety and depression but assessment and prescribing in respect of ADHD is currently not provided by our community mental health services.

The assessment and treatment of ADHD in adults has been prioritised by HSE Mental Health, Clinical Design and Innovation and the College of Psychiatry of Ireland for development as a Clinical Programme due to the absence of such services in Ireland. This programme is currently being developed, with the hope that specialist teams will be put in place to assist the provision of access to diagnosis and treatment for adults with ADHD.

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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