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PQ Number: 40268/22

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost of developing an additional three dual diagnosis teams in tabular form. – Alan Kelly

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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.

We are currently in the process of recruiting team members for the planned Adult Dual Diagnosis Team in CHO-3. With regards to the planned Adult Dual Diagnosis team in CHO-4, the Consultant post has been advertised, this competition closed with no applications when initially advertised and the closing date has since been extended. We intend to continue seeking to fill this post. With regards to the rest of the posts in CHO 4, we expect these will be advertised before the end of 2022. With regards to the planned Adolescent Dual Diagnosis team in CHO-9, we expect to advertise for a CNS post before the end of 2022, and awaiting confirmation from the HSE Social Inclusion regarding the total number of Whole Time Equivalents (WTEs) that we could share with them, in addition to the Consultant post.

The number of additional teams in the future will be based on resources being made available for the Dual Diagnosis National Clinical Programme. The cost of 13 WTEs for a Dual Diagnosis team is around €1.03 million and this does not include other costs such as rental costs if any, refurbishment costs, costs for IT equipment, furniture, etc. The total estimated cost of any team will depend on the number of shared WTEs with other divisions of the HSE such as the HSE Social Inclusion and this is expected to vary across different CHOs.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries on the above.

Yours sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amir Niazi".

Yours sincerely,

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