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PQ 31898/22 - To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to extend services to support adults with ADHD in Malahide and Swords areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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 assessment and treatment of ADHD in adults has been prioritised by the HSE Mental Health and Clinical Design and Innovation in conjunction with the College of Psychiatry of Ireland for development as a Clinical Programme due to the absence of such services in Ireland.

A clinical programme for ADHD has been developed by the HSE which provides for the establishment of 12 specialist teams to be put in place nationally to assist in the provision of access to diagnosis and treatment for adults with ADHD. To date three such teams have been established nationally and it is anticipated that a further number of specialist teams will be established over the remainder of 2022. The Executive Clinical Directors for Mental Health within CHO Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) have sought an adult ADHD service for our CHO area, and a meeting with representatives from the National Clinical Programme was held earlier in June to progress matters in this regard. However, as of yet there is no formal timeline available for the development of a specialist adult ADHD team within our CHO area. In the interim the National Clinical Programme has organised ADHD training for General Adult Psychiatrists which is scheduled to take place in the second of September 2022.

CHO DNCC Mental Health Services is unfortunately not in a position to provide diagnosis or treatment in the area of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) for adults as this is outside the scope of practice of Adult General Community Mental Health Teams as it requires specific and additional multi-disciplinary training and resourcing.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Danny Connellan." The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

Mr Danny Connellan
Interim Head of Service Mental Health
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