

Deputy James Lawless.
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

13th April 2022

PQ Number: 16872/22

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on the CAMHS telehealth hubs initiative - James Lawless

Dear Deputy Lawless,

HSE Mental Health Planning has been requested to respond to you with regard to your Parliamentary Question above.

1. Overview

Under the HSE Corporate Plan 2020-2023, the National Service Plan 2021, and in line with Recommendations of Sharing the Vision: A Mental Health Policy for Everyone, HSE Mental Health propose to resource CAMHS Mental Health Hubs on a phased basis, to offer an alternative response to inpatient admission, when appropriate.

Evidence shows digital solutions involving the use of information and communication technologies can be instrumental in reducing levels of unmet need. The benefits of using such solutions include; improved accessibility, consistency, and the quality and range of service offerings. The CAMHS Mental Health Hubs will incorporate the provision of tele-psychiatry facility.

In 2021, phase one of the CAMHS Hub development commenced with provision made for the identification of three pilot sites in CHO 2, CHO 3 and CHO 4, and the planned development of a Model of Care. A National Steering group was established in Dec 2021 to design and develop the Model of Care for CAMHS Hubs and all pilot sites are represented on this steering group to inform the MOC and pilot site implementation plans.

2. Programme of Work CAMHS telehealth hubs initiative 2021-2024

HSE Mental Health has committed to a programme of work to inform the development of the CAMHS Telehealth Hub initiative on a phased basis, informed by testing and monitoring. This includes:

- The development of a pilot Model of Care for CAMHS hubs (2022)



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- Pilot testing and implementation of CAMHs hubs across a number of sites, incorporating a rural/urban mix (2022-2024)
- Monitoring and evaluation of pilot site implementation (2022-2024)
- Monitoring and evaluation of key outcomes for service users, families and carers

This process is crucial to ensure HSE Mental Health develop an appropriate, safe and high quality service. In 2022, it is proposed to progress an additional two CAMHS hubs pilot sites. We are currently in discussions with the CHO's to agree the location of the two additional pilot sites.

I trust this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deirdre Scully".

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