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Mr Sean Haughey, TD.
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PQ 58197/22 – *“To ask the Minister for Health when an adult ADHD clinic will be established in Dublin north city and county; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the current gap in service is resulting in adults not receiving their medication and required doses; and if he will make a statement on the matter”* – **Seán Haughey TD**

DETAILS SUPPLIED: CHO DNCC

Dear Deputy Haughey,

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

I wish to advise that Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) Mental Health Adult Community Services accept and treat people referred with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) who have high rates of co-morbid mental health disorders, particularly anxiety and depression. Referrals received by our services relating directly to the access to treatment and prescribing for Adults with ADHD are currently outside the scope of practice of secondary specialist Adult General Community Mental Health Teams. Local GPs have been advised of this decision and advised that re-referrals should be made in the event a person’s condition changes to include a presentation of co-morbid psychiatric symptoms.

Due to the absence of services in Ireland for the assessment and treatment of ADHD in adults, HSE Mental Health, Clinical Design and Innovation and the College of Psychiatry of Ireland has prioritised the development of a Clinical Programme This Model of Care was launched in January 2021 and when fully implemented, 11 Adult ADHD Clinics will be established nationwide. These clinics will provide assessment and multi-modal treatment in community mental health settings, in line with the Model of Care to assist the provision of access to diagnosis and treatment for adults with ADHD. In 2022 the Executive Clinical Directors for Mental Health in CHO DNCC met with representatives from the National Clinical Programme to make representations for CHO DNCC to be included in future Estimates process, but unfortunately we have not received any funding to date. I recognise that this represents

a gap in our service and we continue to make every effort to close this gap as soon as possible.

The ADHD in Adults National Clinical Programme in conjunction with ADHD Ireland and UCD School of Psychology launched an Adult ADHD smart App on the 10th November 2022. The ADHD App provides specific evidence-based information, self-help techniques and further resources to ADHD adults. It is available for free download from Google Play Store for Android users, and the Apple App Store for iPhone users. Other support services available can be viewed on the ADHD Ireland webpage, <https://adhdireland.ie/foradults/>.

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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