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RE: PQ 42128/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the status and progress of the National Clinical Programme for adults with ADHD in the CHO7 area; and when a programme will be up and running in the CHO7 area.”

RE: PQ 42129/22

“To ask the Minister for Health in the interim of waiting for the National Clinical Programme for adults with ADHD in the CHO7 area the measures that are in place for children who are on medication for ADHD and turn 18 years and are classed then as an adult; and the location in which they can obtain a prescription to continue with their medication given that it is vital that they still have access to their medication and general practitioner services cannot prescribe this medication.”

RE: PQ 42131/22

“To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the HSE is having problems recruiting staff for vital health services (details supplied); and if he will provide a detailed account of the problems experienced in recruiting staff. - In light of recent issues in Dublin Mid-West constituency for services such as a Public Health Nurse in Lucan, and delays to have the National Clinical Programme for adults with ADHD running in the CHO7 area not being implemented due to recruitment problems.”

RE: PQ 42132/22

“To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a detailed account of his Department's plans, if any, to address problems in recruiting staff for vital health services (details supplied). - In light of recent issues in Dublin Mid-West constituency for services such as a Public Health Nurse in Lucan, and delays to have the National Clinical Programme for adults with ADHD running in the CHO7 area not being implemented due to recruitment problems.”



Dear Deputy,

I refer to the Parliamentary Questions detailed overleaf. The Minister for Health has asked that the Health Service Executive respond directly to you. I have asked the examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in Adults National Clinical Programme's Model of Care was launched on the 14th January 2021. When fully implemented, 12 Adult ADHD Clinics will be established to provide assessment and multi-modal treatment in the CHOs in line with the Model of Care.

In 2021 the Programme was funded for 3 of the 11 Adult ADHD NCP sites, which are:

- CHO1: 0.5 WTE team for Sligo/Leitrim/Donegal
- CHO3: 1.0 WTE team - Limerick (expanding to all of CHO3 in late 2022)
- CHO6: 1.0 WTE team covering Dun Laoghaire, Dublin South East and Wicklow (North, South and East)

The 2022 Estimates process provided funding for a further 3.5 Adult ADHD teams. It was planned that these new teams would be operational by the end of 2022 and will cover:

- CHO4 – Cork – covering North Lee, South Lee and North Cork.
- CHO4 – Kerry – covering Kerry and West Cork CHO7 – Dublin South City, Dublin South West and Dublin West.
- CHO8 - Midland counties – Laois, Offaly, Longford and Westmeath as well as Kildare West Wicklow.

The implementation of the Adult ADHD Service for HSE Dublin South, Kildare & West Wicklow Community Healthcare (CHO7) is in progress. We have received notification of approval to recruit a Consultant Psychiatrist, Senior Psychologist, Senior Occupational Therapist, Clinical Nurse Specialist Mental Health and an Administrator. The recruitment process is underway to advertise and interview for these posts.

We are hoping to interview for the new ADHD in adults post in the next couple of months, however it will likely be next year before that service is up and running.

Once established access to the service is outlined in the national Model of Care which includes the clinical pathway. If a GP refers a patient they are first seen by their local Adult Mental Health Team (AMHT) where they are assessed for co-morbid mental illnesses and screened using the ASRS and WURS ADHD specific scales and where screening positive on both, patients are referred by the Adult Mental Health Team on to the ADHD Adult Clinic.

Currently, these referrals are being discussed on a case by case basis with the Executive Clinical Director of Mental Health.



The HSE is aware of the challenging labour market environment and this includes clinical staff in specialist areas. However as the ADHD recruitment campaign for this area has not been launched yet, I cannot comment on the difficulties in this specific area for HSE Dublin South, Kildare & West Wicklow Community Healthcare. We are hopeful that we will be successful in recruiting the necessary staff to implement the programme.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you require further details please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Brady".

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