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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the status of the funding for adults with ADHD in line with the model of care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. – Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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.

ADHD in Adults NCP

The 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.

Up until 2022 the Programme was funded for 3 of the 11 Adult ADHD NCP sites (2.5 teams). The 2022 Estimates process provided funding for a further 3.5 Adult ADHD teams. A further 6 teams are required to have full national coverage including a team for the prison population in Dublin. Each team consists of a Consultant Psychiatrist, Senior Psychologist, Senior Occupational Therapist, CNSMH and an Administrator.

ADHD in Adults NCP		Adult ADHD Teams – in CHO Teams	Funding required for full implementation
2019 PFG funding	€1,300,000	2.5	
2022 PFG funding	€1,800,000	3.5	
CHO Teams yet to be funded	€2,543,450	5.0	€2,543,450
MDT maternity cover	€500,000		€500,000
Training costs for new teams	€100,000		€100,000
Accommodation refurbishment	€600,000		€600,000
Total funding required:			€3,743,450

¹Cost is based on latest available paycales and estimated maternity cover for multidisciplinary teams

²An additional team will also be required for the Dublin prison services – cost €508,690k.

It is essential that the services are locally available to enable easy access geographically to a skilled response which is timely for patients and their families. The National Clinical Programmes – Mental Health have developed national models of care where services have been designed specifically to meet this criteria.

Through the HSE's 2022 estimates process a further 3.5 new teams have been funded and are currently in development. Information will be updated as soon as staff have been recruited and services have been set up and available to see patients. This will bring the number of specialist Adult ADHD teams up to 50% national coverage. Additional funding will be required for full national coverage for specific Adult ADHD teams.

To date €3.1m has been provided for the implementation of adult ADHD teams nationally, that is, €1.3m in 2019 and €1.8m in 2021. A further €3.7m will be needed for national coverage. The National Clinical Programme has requested additional funding through the estimates process for 2023 and are awaiting the outcome of this process.

The provision of funding for teams, specific training needs, dedicated programme management time, bespoke data systems and for and appropriate accommodation to develop services nationally is essential to meet the needs of patients and their families.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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