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Ms Niamh Smyth T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: PQ Ref 45252/22 – 9392GMPQ

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the staffing and the provision of a dedicated chronic disease clinic in Cavan-Monaghan; the details of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smyth

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted to the Chief Officer, CHO 1 for response. I have examined the matter, and the following outlines the position

In order to implement Slaintecare 2017, the Integrated Care Programme for the Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease (ICPCD) is supporting the national implementation of a model of integrated care for the prevention and management of chronic disease as part of the Enhanced Community Care Programme (ECC). The Model of Care for ICPCD has a particular focus on preventive healthcare, early intervention and the provision of supports to the population of Cavan Monaghan to live well with chronic disease.

Cavan Monaghan Chronic Disease Teams

Currently there is approval for 52.4 WTE to manage the 3 Chronic Disease areas – Cardiology, Respiratory and Diabetes in Cavan and Monaghan. Each of the teams consist of Consultants, Clinical Nurse Specialists (CNS's), Physiotherapists, Dieticians, Podiatrists, Psychology, GP and administration staff. There are also specialist posts linked to diagnostics in the areas of Radiology, Respiratory and Cardiac. Ten posts will be based in the Acute Hospital; however the majority of staff (35.4 WTE) will be based in the Cavan Chronic Disease Hub which will be located on the grounds of Cavan General Hospital and 7 WTE will be based in the Monaghan Spoke which will be located in the grounds of Monaghan Hospital.

The objective of the specialist Ambulatory Chronic Disease Hubs is to provide ready access to diagnostics, specialist healthcare professionals and specialist support to GP's in the community in managing patients with Chronic Disease.

As of 15th Sept 2022 there are 12 WTE operational in Chronic Disease in Cavan Monaghan. Recruitment is progressing in relation to CNS's, Dieticians, Consultants and Physiotherapists. The Cavan Chronic Disease Hub and Monaghan Spoke have national approval for funding and are currently in the design phase and we hope these buildings will be operational by Q4 2023. Clinical staff are currently providing clinics in Primary Care Centers, GP Practices in Cavan Monaghan and Cavan Monaghan Hospital. Working Groups have been set up in the Clinical areas to map pathways of care and ensure services will be streamlined between the Acute Hospitals and Primary Care.



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,

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