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PQ ref 16339/23 "To ask the Minister for Health if the CHO3 adult ADHD clinic is fully staffed; the number of vacancies, if any, that exist in CHO3, adult ADHD services; what the current caseload of the team serving the CHO3 ADHD clinic is; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Lowry,

The Adult ADHD team in CHO 3 is fully staffed. There are currently no vacancies, however the Senior Clinical Psychologist (0.5 days a week) and the Clinical Nurse Specialist (2 Half days per week) avail of parental leave.

Caseload:

ADHD has long been recognised as one of the most common psychiatric disorders in children and it is now known to persist into adulthood. Two-thirds of the 5% of children with ADHD continue to have symptoms when adults with 1.5% of the adult population having the full syndrome.

Our team provides an Adult ADHD service to Limerick, Clare and North Tipperary (CHO 3) which has an adult population (18-64yrs) of 232,797 in 2016 Census. 1.5% of 232,797 is almost **4500** people. 1.5% is a conservative estimate, other studies would say between 2% and 7% of the adult population have ADHD. In addition the general population has grown since 2016.

CHO 3 Adult ADHD Service

OPEN CASES- We have **105** open cases with varying levels of complexity and with various co-morbidities attending the service.

WAITING LIST- We have **103** patients awaiting assessment for ADHD who were referred from Adult Community Mental Health teams and an additional **10** patients on our waiting list referred from CAMHS teams.

PENDING CASES- We have **50** referrals that are awaiting further essential information from the referrer before the patient can be added to the waiting list.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nuala Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'N'.

Nuala Kelly
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