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Deputy Mark Ward.
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PQ Number: 16417-23

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health to outline the access criteria for someone to enter one of the three pilot projects for dual diagnosis; the capacity of each project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward

Date: 6th April 2023

Dear Deputy Ward,

The HSE re-established the National Clinical Programme for Dual Diagnosis in 2021. The National Clinical Lead took up post in late June 2021. A National Working Group was established and this interagency multi-disciplinary team were mandated to develop a Model of Care to support individuals with a Dual Diagnosis. This Model of Care includes all referral pathways and all associated care details. This working group has representation from all our partner groups including experts by experience, community sector, statutory bodies and academia.

The Model of Care has been approved by the HSE and endorsed by the College of Psychiatrists, we are now working toward launching the model of care, with the support of Minister Butler and Minister Naughton's offices.

The access criteria, i.e., referral pathway and other associated details for Dual Diagnosis services will be available once the Model of Care is launched.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amir Niazi".

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