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**“To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to improve public adult ADHD services in CHO4, including details of when adult ADHD services will be operating in each LHO in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

The Adult ADHD National Clinical Programme (NCP) applies to adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). It is delivered as part of the HSE's Mental Health Service provision and across government departments to ensure a holistic, integrated, person-centred response to adults with ADHD. The programme includes both assessment and treatment of the disorder and works collaboratively with voluntary agencies. There are two ADHD Teams operated from within Cork Kerry Community Healthcare which are operational and accepting referrals from the agreed pathways of care.

With regard to Cork Mental Health Services, the Consultant Psychiatrist, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Senior Psychologist and administrative support are in place. The team have now commenced accepting referrals. These are made through the Community Mental Health Team in accordance with the Adult ADHD Model of Care. The Community Mental Health Teams complete an initial ADHD assessment and if the service user meets the criteria, the referral is forwarded to the Adult ADHD team. This team provides service across the Cork region with the exception of West Cork which has service provision from the Kerry Team.

The Kerry/West Cork team are operational and accept referrals through the Community Mental Health Team and the Specialist Mental Health Assessment Hub. The team has Consultant Psychiatrist, Psychologist and administration staff in place. An Occupational Therapist is in the recruitment process and will join the team over the coming months.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind regards,

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