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Re: PQ ref 19643/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of ADHD teams available in CHO7; and if there are plans for more.

Dear Deputy Ryan,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question that you submitted to the Minister for Health, the Minister has requested that the HSE respond directly to you on this matter. I have examined the question raised and the following outlines the position.

A National Clinical Programme was launched last year to develop specific ADHD public services for adult mental health in Ireland. Historically there has not been well-developed ADHD specific service available publically within the General Adult Mental Health Service.

CHO7 has been progressing the rollout of this programme and recruitment is currently underway with the following post being recruited for the Dublin South Central Area with the Consultant commencing in June 2023.

Psychiatrist x 1 wte
Clinical Nurse Specialist x 1 wte
Senior Psychologist x 1 wte
Occupational Therapist x1 wte
Administrator Grade IV X 1 wte

A separate team for Kildare /Laois/ Offaly Longford and Westmeath is being progressed; unfortunately, the Consultant Psychiatrist post for this team was not successful in recruitment and will be re-advertised in the near future.

It is expected that this programme will be operational for this area in the coming year.

Currently for children and adolescents in CHO7 Linn Dara, CAMHS have a specialist service – ADMiRE, for the assessment and management of children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD).

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you require further details please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Brady, Head of Service CHO7, Mental Health.