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**PQ 4974/23** – “To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult ADHD specialists that are working in CHO9 and if he will make a statement on the matter.” – **Duncan Smith TD**

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I wish to advise the Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) Adult Community Mental Health Services continues to accept and treat people referred with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) who have co-morbid mental health disorders, particularly anxiety and depression. Assessment, treatment and prescribing in respect of ADHD in adults directly is currently outside of the scope of practice of our Adult Community Mental Health Teams, as unfortunately, there are no specialist Consultant Psychiatrists for Adult ADHD within our Teams. I recognize that this represents a gap in our service and we will continue to make every effort to close this.

The assessment and treatment of ADHD in adults is being prioritised by National HSE Mental Health, Clinical Design and Innovation and the College of Psychiatry for Ireland for the development of a Clinical Programme. The Model of Care will aim to establish Adult ADHD Clinics nationwide, to provide assessment and treatment in community mental health settings for adults with ADHD. I can confirm that CHO DNCC has submitted a funding request as part of the Estimates process.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

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