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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the national clinical programme for dual diagnosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.- Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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

The draft Model of Care for Dual Diagnosis was approved clinically by the HSE Chief Clinical Officer Forum on 7th April 2022 and following same, it was sent to the College of Psychiatrists on 13th April 2022 for approval by the Clinical Advisory Group. We are awaiting response from the College of Psychiatrists in this regard.

CHO 3 has been identified as the first Adult Dual Diagnosis team site, with many of the team members recruited. CHO 3 has recently identified possible issues with the building site for this team. We were advised in December 2022 that a building inspection by an Engineer is planned to take place possibly in January 2023. We are waiting for the response from CHO 3 Mental Health Services for an update on same.

CHO 4 has been identified as the second Adult Dual Diagnosis team site. Since there was no applicant for the Consultant post, external agency through PAS have been involved in trying to recruit a Consultant from other countries. The remaining posts in CHO 4 will be advertised once a consultant has been identified. Accommodation for the team has been identified, co-located with the community alcohol programme and HSE Addiction services. This will enable better cross divisional working.

CHO 9 has been identified as the first Adolescent Dual Diagnosis Hub team site and based on the number of WTEs approved for 2022 for CHO 9, a partial team will be advertised shortly, in partnership with the HSE Social Inclusion. The rest of the WTEs in CHO 9 (Adolescent DD hub team) will be recruited based on the resources available for the approval of the remaining WTEs for CHO 9 Adolescent Hub DD team.

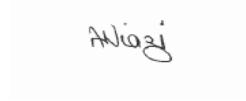
Following discussions, CHO 9 Primary Care has agreed in principle for Keltoi centre in Dublin to be used as a HSE National Dual Diagnosis Rehabilitation Centre. Further meetings are planned to take place to discuss this further and negotiate on Corporate and Clinical Governance matters.

In addition to above, we have carried out a full Training Needs Analysis of staff supporting individuals with a Dual Diagnosis and are currently developing a training programme with our HSE partners.

A full evaluation of the programme will commence, this will use the Patient and Public Involvement (PPI) method ensuring those with lived experience remain centre to the programme.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amir Niazi", is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

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