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Dail Eireann,
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PQ Number: 7040/23

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the second pilot for dual diagnosis of mental health and substance addiction; when this will be operational; 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.

I can confirm 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.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amir Niazi'.

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