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Deputy Violet Anne Wynne
Dáil Eireann,
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PQ 8906/23 - To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for the decision basis on which of the 24 integrated consultant posts in Enhanced Community Care hubs, only 12 were funded, with 12 unfunded; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Wynne,

I refer to your parliamentary question, which was passed to the HSE for response.

In line with Sláintecare, the Enhanced Community Care Programme (ECC) objective is to deliver increased levels of health care with service delivery reoriented towards general practice, primary care and community-based services. The focus is on implementing an end-to-end care pathway that will care for people at home and over time prevent referrals and admissions to acute hospitals where it is safe and appropriate to do so, and enable a "home first" approach.

The ECC Programme was allocated €240m for the establishment of 96 Community Healthcare Networks (CHNs), 30 Community Specialist Teams for Older People, 30 Community Specialist Teams for Chronic Disease, national coverage for Community Intervention Teams and the development of a volunteer-type model in collaboration with Alone.

In response to your query regarding the funding for the Integrated Consultant posts in Enhanced Community Care (ECC) Hubs, 80.5 WTE new Integrated Consultant posts are approved and being funded by the ECC budget.

The breakdown is as follows:

- 32.5 WTE Geriatrician Consultants assigned to the Integrated Care Programme for Older People (ICPOP)
- 48 WTE Specialist Consultants (Endocrinology, Respiratory and Cardiovascular) in the Integrated Care for Chronic Disease Management (ICPCD).

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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