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**PQ Number: 9301/23**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health when the draft model of care for dual diagnosis will be approved by the College of Psychiatrists; the cause of this delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward**

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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 College of Psychiatrists of Ireland is independent of the HSE. Hence, the HSE National Clinical Programme are unable to reply on behalf of the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland to state the reasons for the delay in endorsing the Model of Care. Having stated that, The College of Psychiatrists of Ireland has endorsed the Model of Care for Dual Diagnosis in their letter sent to the National Clinical Programme for Dual Diagnosis on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

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'.

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