

2nd March 2023

Deputy Mark Ward
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 9303/23

“To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the recruitment of a consultant psychiatrist in the adult dual diagnosis team in CHO4; when this post will be filled; the reason recruitment for the multidisciplinary team supporting the consultant psychiatrist position has not started yet; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Ward,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for the Minister for Health for a response.

The Dual Diagnosis team requires a clinical lead which in this instance would be the Consultant. The Clinical lead will be responsible for developing and leading out the new development programme within Cork Kerry Community Healthcare and recruitment is underway in relation to this post.

By way of update, and as we are now progressing the recruitment of the Consultant for this team, we will now be recruiting the remaining multidisciplinary posts and these positions will be advertised imminently.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind regards,



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