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**“To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 683 of 28 February 2023, if he will provide details on the number of people on waiting lists for adult ADHD assessment in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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 Adult ADHD National Clinical Programme (NCP) applies to adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). It is delivered as part of the HSE's mental health service provision and across government departments to ensure a holistic, integrated, person-centred response to adults with ADHD. The programme includes both assessment and treatment of the disorder and works collaboratively with voluntary agencies.

With regard to Kerry Mental Health Services currently the ADHD service, 57 service users are currently on the waiting list for psychology assessment. As a requirement of the Maskey Report, all adults attending the ADHD clinic must have a full Psychology assessment completed prior to their appointment with the Consultant. The one exception to this is when service users referred to the clinic present with an existing Psychology assessment completed by a recognised Clinical Psychologist. For these service users and service users who have completed their psychology assessment, there is no waitlist for Consultant assessments.

With regard to Cork Mental Health Services, I can confirm that the Consultant Psychiatrist, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Senior Psychologist and admin support is now in place. The team have only recently opened to accepting referrals which are made through the Community Mental Health Team as per the Adult ADHD Model of Care. The community Mental Health Teams complete an initial ADHD assessment and if the service user meets the criteria, the referral is forwarded to the Adult ADHD team. As this has only recently commenced, there is no waitlist at present.

I trust the above clarifies the queries raised.

Kind regards,

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