



Deputy Mark Ward,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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30th May 2023

PQ Number: 22418/23

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 649 of 31 January 2023, if he will provide an update on the five pilot locations for out-of-hours CAMH services; where these five locations are; the breakdown of funding and staff per location; when these pilots will be in operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter -Mark Ward

Details: PREVIOUS PQ 4143/23

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.

Recommendation 35 of *Sharing the Vision – A Mental Health Policy for Everyone* (StV) Implementation Plan, looks at the development of a comprehensive out-of-hours CAMHS response. The implementation of this recommendation is being progressed in two parts.

A National CAMHS Hub Steering Group has been established to progress development of a Standard Operating Procedure and Model of Care for CAMHS Hubs which is currently being finalised. A service design process, incorporating literature review, webinar, logic model has been completed to inform the design. Phase 1 of the CAMHS Hubs Model will provide a step-up brief intervention service for existing service users in acute crisis, within an agreed catchment area to an agreed number of CAMHS teams. Monitoring of implementation will support the identification of further resourcing requirements to expand the model as appropriate.

Within the implementation structures for *Sharing the Vision*, a Children and Young Person Workstream has been established and the plan for tiered out of hour's model will be scoped within the workstream. Any proposed work plan will be in keeping with the implementation of recommendations in the Maskey Report.

CAMHS Hubs Pilot Learning Site Locations:

- CHO 2
- CHO 3
- CHO 4



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- CHO 6
- CHO 8

CAMHS Hub Staffing (Phase 1)

- 1 Child and Adolescent Consultant Psychiatrist
- 1 Social Worker
- 1 Occupational Therapist
- 1 Advanced Nurse Practitioner
- 1 Administrator

Current status of CAMHS Hubs Learning Sites:

- CHO 2 learning site operational
- CHO 6 pilot site preparing to operationalise Q.2 2023
- CHO 3, CHO 4 and CHO 8 to finalise recruitment Q.2-Q.3 2023
- All sites operational Q.4 2023

Budget Allocation under NSP (2021-2022)

- €3.15m

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Brian J. Higgins', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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