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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the current funding, per CHO, for dual diagnosis

-Thomas Gould.

Date:13th July 2023

Dear Deputy Gould,

Firstly we would like to sincerely apologise for the delay in replying to your question.

The Model of Care for Dual Diagnosis was lunched on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 by Minister Butler and Minister Naughton. As recommended in *A Vision for Change*, each HSE Adult Dual Diagnosis specialist team will cater to a population of around 300,000 people and the geographical areas will align with the HSE's new configuration. Each specialist team will be multidisciplinary in nature lead by a Consultant Psychiatrist with special interest in substance misuse.

As outlined in the Model of Care, there will be 12 adult teams across the HSE and 4 adolescent hub teams. The estimated cost of 13 WTEs for a Dual Diagnosis team is around €1.03 million and this does not include other costs such as rental costs if any, refurbishment costs, costs for IT equipment, furniture, etc. The total estimated cost of any team will depend on the number of shared WTEs with other divisions of the HSE such as the HSE Social Inclusion and this is expected to vary across different CHOs.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

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