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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the cost of fully implementing the National model of care for dual diagnosis over five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward

Date: 13th July 2023

Dear Deputy Ward,

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

The Model of Care for Dual Diagnosis was launched on the 23rd May 2023 by Minister Butler and Minister Naughton. As recommended in *A Vision for Change*, each HSE Dual Diagnosis specialist teams 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. Hence, the cost of establishing these teams over the next five years will vary widely.

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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