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14th December 2023

Re: PQ 49253/23

To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken to augment child and adult mental health services in CHO7; if the precise measures deemed to be necessary are being taken forthwith; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Durkan,

I refer to the above parliamentary question that you submitted to the Minister for Health, the Minister has asked that the HSE respond directly to you. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Child and Adolescent services Kildare;

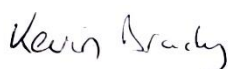
- At this time, HSE Linn Dara Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service are endeavouring to deliver optimal services within the resources available across our community and in-patient services.
- We allocated an additional doctor (NCHD) to the East Kildare/West Wicklow Community CAMHS team, to support a waiting list initiative that has reduced the waiting list for this team.
- We fund and work in partnership with INSYNC youth services that operate the following Services in Kildare;
 1. A Youth Information Service based in Naas;
 2. Naas Child & Family Project working with children & families in need in the Naas area;
 3. Youth Counselling Service, supporting young people and families across the County in Athy; Celbridge; Leixlip; Naas; Newbridge and Rathangan;
 4. The HALO Project, working with 12 to 18 year olds in relation to their substance misuse across Kildare and West Wicklow.
- National Children's Hospital Project: A new Approved Centre for CAMHS is located within the National Children's Hospital. We have assigned a clinical lead to work with the project team in commissioning this new 20-bed facility in 2023 – 2025.

Adult Mental Health Services

- General Adult Mental Health Services are endeavouring to deliver optimal services within the resources available across our community and in-patient services.
- Regulatory Compliance: remains a service priority. In particular addressing infrastructural deficits across the area. The redevelopment of the Lakeview approved centre is progressing under the HSE's Capital Plan 2021-2024. The Strategic Assessment Report (SAR) and Preliminary Business Case (PBC) have been finalised and the project has received HSE approval subject to availability of funding. The priority for 2024 will be to bring the project through Preliminary and Scheme design stages. Consideration will be given to project phasing and programmes, recognising overall site development needs.
- Adult ADHD services, The National Clinical Programme (NCP) for adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is being rolled out with recruitment underway for a Consultant. Once this Consultant is in place Kildare West Wicklow patients will have access to this team based in the Midlands. This is expected in 2024 with funding being provided through clinical care programme.
- Kildare is one of a number of demonstration sites for Talking Therapies; this clinical programme was launched in 2021. Roll out of the this new service development continues in 2023 / 2024 with access to specialist talking therapy interventions being provided to support General Adult Mental health teams in Kildare.
- Rollout continues of the Implementation plan for Connecting for Life (The National Suicide Prevention Strategy two year implementation 2023-2024) with a number of initiative's planned in Kildare West Wicklow, around Perinatal Mental Health, Bereavement support services for children and young people.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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