



Deputy Mark  
Ward,  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
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**PQ Number: 51611/23**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health his views on the current vacancies within adult ADHD services, per CHO; if the HSE recruitment embargo will affect the filling of the positions; how this will affect the level of service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward**


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.

The current vacancies in the Adult ADHD Services are shown in the table below.

Staffing	Admin	Cons	CNS	Psychol	OT	SR	Clinical Capacity
CHO1	1	0.5	(1)	0.5	0.5	-	60%
CHO3	1	1	(1)	(1)	(1)	1	40%
CHO4 Cork <sup>1</sup>	1	(1)	1	(1)	1	-	75%
CHO4 (Kerry/West Cork) <sup>1</sup>	0.5	(1)	(0.5)	1	0.5	-	65%
CHO6	1	1	1	(1)	1	-	75%
CHO7	(1)	1	(1)	Mat Leave	1	-	50%

 Unfilled new posts

 Recent vacancies

 Consultant locums in place

The current embargo will have a profoundly negative impact on the ability of the existing Adult ADHD Services to function.

Given the well documented negative impact of undiagnosed and untreated ADHD, the implications are serious. These negative impacts include increased rates of suicide, repeated self-harm, road traffic accidents together with difficulties in both finding and keeping a job, succeeding in 3<sup>rd</sup> level education, managing money and personal and social relationships.

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

Yours sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amir Niazi".

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