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PQ 39005/23 – *To ask the Minister for Health if there is a specific adult ADHD clinic available to adults living in CHO9; if not, the reason; and if he will commit to establishing an adult ADHD clinic in CHO9.* – **Louise O'Reilly TD**

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I wish to advise that we continue to correspond with the National Clinical Programmes Lead for ADHD and HSE Assistant National Director for Mental Health Services regarding funding for an Adult ADHD Service. The National Clinical Programme and Clinical Lead for ADHD prioritises Community Health Organisations for adult ADHD services.

The Clinical Lead, Dr Margo Wrigley, has advised us that Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) was prioritised when submitting an application for funding in 2022 for a service in 2023. However, the Department for Health did not allocate funding for any new Adult ADHD Services in 2023. CHO DNCC is on the list submitted for funding in 2024.

We acknowledge the concerns raised regarding the absence of ADHD specialist service for adults and will continue to make representations in this regard. We are in the process of conducting a gap analysis and completing a business case to establish an Adult ADHD Team in our area as a matter of urgency. As interim supports, we will continue to promote access to the UK Adult ADHD Network, UKAAN, training for support, education research and training for Mental Health Service psychiatric professionals.

We are aware the ADHD in Adults National Clinical Programme in partnership with ADHD Ireland and the UCD School of Psychology developed the Adult ADHD App. The App provides specific information self-care and signposting for adults who have ADHD or think they may have ADHD. It is available to download from apple and google app stores and through <https://adult.adhdireland.ie/download>. It is important to note that is not a treatment programme or a replacement for medical advice and care.

Alternatively, ADHD Ireland who provide support & advice for people with ADHD can be contacted from 9-5.30pm Monday to Friday – Tel: (01) 8748349 and Email: info@adhdireland.ie

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donal Cassidy', written over a horizontal line.

Donal Cassidy
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