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4<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

**PQ Number: 39457/23**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to establish a center of excellence for ADHD; the cost of these plans; the services it would provide; when it would be operational; and if he will make a statement.- 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.

Since 2019 ADHD Ireland, the UCD School of Psychology and the Adult ADHD National Clinical Programme (Mr Ken Kilbride, Professor Jessica Braham and Dr Margo Wrigley respectively) have worked conjointly on a number of research and clinical output projects. These are shown in the slide below.

## Working in Partnership



### Partners

- ADHD Ireland
- UCD School of Psychology
- Adult ADHD NCP

### 2021 to date

#### Research

- Suicidality and repeated self-harm in people with ADHD in Ireland: National Office for Suicide Prevention (NOSP) funded study.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> level Clinical and Disability Support Services for students with ADHD
- ADHD in women in Ireland: National Woman's Taskforce funded
- Socio-economic impact of untreated ADHD in Ireland

#### Outputs for Adults with ADHD

- Adult ADHD App: launched Nov 22
- UMAAP: Understanding and Managing Adult ADHD Programme  
UMAAP Workshops delivered through ADHD Ireland 2022 and 2023 (HSE funded)

This has been prompted particularly by the demand in Ireland and internationally to develop a training programme for UMAAP.

Further details on costs for developing this Centre of Excellence will be available later this year.

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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