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Mr. Mark Ward T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 41948/23

To ask the Minister for Health the current and planned eating disorder services for adults and CAMHS in CHO8 under the National Model of Care for Eating Disorders; 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 I outline the position below.

There is no dedicated eating disorder service within CHO8 Mental Health Services. Patients referred with eating disorders are treated by the relevant Community Adult Mental Health Team or CAMHS Team. Multi-disciplinary assessment and intervention is provided by Consultant Psychiatrists, Nurses, Occupational Therapists, Clinical Psychologists and Social Workers. There are no dietitians specialising in ED in the CHO. Physical status is monitored in collaboration with the GP. In rare circumstances, complex cases are referred to specialist services outside of the CHO.

Should a child require admission for medical reasons relating to the eating disorder they are treated in a paediatric unit. If a child is deemed in need of inpatient treatment a national bed is requested. Two new Advanced Nurse Practitioner posts have recently been approved for the Midlands region which will help the development of services for this cohort of patients.

I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Donal Fitzsimons
Acting Chief Officer
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