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Deputy
Richard Bruton,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that there is no service for assessment of adult ADHD on the northside of Dublin; if there are plans to fill this gap; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Richard Bruton

Dear Deputy Richard Bruton,

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 Adult ADHD National Clinical programme recommends one Adult ADHD Service for CHO9. The Executive Clinical Director made it known to the National Clinical Lead for ADHD in Adults in 2022 and 2023 that he would like a service to be established in his area. In response the National Clinical Lead sought funding from the DOH in its Budget Submission through the Office of the National Clinical Advisor Mental Health. We are hopeful that funding will be approved in the coming budget to establish team in CHO 9.

Of relevance, experience with the existing 5 operational services is that the need for assessment post-pandemic outstrips the capacity of the services to respond and that many now being referred would have their needs more appropriately met by the development of a primary care component. This is currently the subject of an Integrated Care for Adults with ADHD Project established by the National Clinical Advisor early this year as a joint project with ADHD Ireland. It will recommend the form this response should take, how it will work with the Adult ADHD Services established within mental health to date and with ADHD Ireland. This will require additional funding for staff and an education programme.

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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