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PQ 20291/24 *"To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that the only clinic for eating disorders serving the entire CHO9 area is currently in a temporary building with a team that is understaffed; when this clinic will be provided with a permanent building; if capacity can be increased as they currently cannot meet the demand; if increased funding will be provided for a day service; and if he will make a statement on the matter."* **Cian O'Callaghan, TD**

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

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.

Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County, CHODNCC have made strong progress in the establishment of new Adult and Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, CAMHS, multidisciplinary eating disorders teams. They provide specialist eating disorder assessment and treatment in the community. The CHODNCC, Adult Eating Disorders Team is currently temporarily providing services from Maryfield Cottage, Swords and the CAMHS, Eating Disorder Team are temporarily providing services from North Great Georges Street, Dublin 1. We are aware of the current limitations of the current accommodation for both teams, however, due to the unmet need of an eating disorder service, the priority was to establish recruitment and on boarding for the teams.

There are plans for both CAMHS and Adult teams to relocate later in 2024 to a permanent location in Northwood Santry. The updated location will address the accommodation requirements of the team. This is a significant development for CHODNCC and will ensure consolidated continuum of care and the establishment of the eating disorder hub in CHODNCC.

CHO DNCC received funding for 10.9 Whole Time Equivalent, WTE, Adult Eating Disorders specialist team posts and 9.5 WTE Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, CAMHS, posts. Good progress has been made in successful recruitment and retention of medical, nursing, psychology, dietetic, social work and administrative staff to deliver an integrated service model in line with the HSE Model of Care for Eating Disorders 2018. We will continue our engagements with the HSE National Clinical Programme Lead and Office for further additional priority specialist eating disorder posts for Estimates 2025.

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,

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