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PQ 16489/25 - “To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a list of dual diagnosis services in CHO9” – Paul Donnelly TD

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with information in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

SASSY (Substance Abuse Service Specific to Youth) provides support to vulnerable young persons living within the former CHO 9 area for whom addiction (alcohol, drugs, gaming etc.) has impacted their life. Services are provided in their headquarters, Lisburn Street, Dublin 7 and in satellite clinics throughout Dublin North City and County.

Funding approval was received in 2022 and 2025 to enhance the team as set out in the Dual Diagnosis Programme. The SASSY team consists of 1 WTE Consultant Psychiatrist, 1 WTE Registrar, 1 WTE Family Therapist, 3.9 WTE Counsellors, 2 WTE Clinical Nurse Specialist with 1 WTE Social Worker and 1 WTE Family Support Worker to join the team shortly.

The main referrer are CAMHS (Child Adolescent Mental Health Service), Tusla, parents and Youth Services. The trends are an increase in complex cases, i.e., neurodiversity (e.g. ASD), dual diagnosis (e.g. self-harm, suicidal ideation, anxiety, and trauma) and school refusal.

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

Yours sincerely,

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