Deputy Cairns,

Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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15.05.2025

PQ Number: 19127/25
PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult ADHD assessments that have been conducted annually, from 2020 to date, by CHO, in tabular form. -Holly Cairns

Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the ADHD in Adults 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 modified its data set in late 2023 to enable it to collect accurate figures on the number of Adult ADHD assessments completed by each team. Prior to that patient contacts rather than precise numbers of people accessing the service were collected and this provided no meaningful information.

The total number of people assessed in 2024 and a breakdown by CHO (LHO) are shown in the table below.
Each team has been adversely impacted by the recruitment pause introduced in the last quarter of 2023. This is reflected in the table as the clinical capacity of the team.
For instance, if there should be four clinicians in a team and one post is vacant, the team then has a clinical capacity of 75%.

ADHD Diagnostic Assessments completed by each service 2024

SERVICES	CLINICAL CAPACITY	Jan	Feb	Mar	Q1 Totals	Apr	May	Jun	Q2 Totals	Jul	Aug	Sep	Q3 Totals	Oct	Nov	Dec	Q4 Totals	YTD Totals
CHO1*	60%	6	4	4	14	6	4	1	11	8	9	10	27	11	18	12	41	93
CHO3	50%	16	19	19	54	13	1	16	30	14	19	11	44	10	3	6	19	147
CHO4 Cork City & NE	75%	6	8	7	21	2	4	8	14	0	14	12	26	12	18	8	38	99
CHO4 Kerry & West Cork*	60% -> 16%	10	7	4	21	4	0	4	8	11	1	0	12	0	0	0	0	41
CHO6	80%	12	12	6	30	9	15	15	39	11	11	13	35	8	16	11	35	139
CHO7**	50%	2	7	7	16	9	5	1	15	12	8	7	27	3	11	2	16	74
CHO8	75%	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0	N/A	3	14	9	26	17	8	17	42	68
Totals		52	57	47	156	43	29	45	117	59	76	62	197	61	74	56	191	661

*All posts 0.5 WTE reflecting smaller adult population served
**Service partially operational : accepting young people diagnosed ADHD by CAMHS

Diagnostic assessments completed indicate the number of people fully assessed per team per month

NOTES

CHO4 Kerry & West Cork	Capactiy decreased from 60% to 16% by Q4 2024.
CHO4 Kerry & West Cork	Permanent consultant in post July 2024
CHO8 Midlands	Service opened in July 2024

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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