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Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

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PQ Question To ask the Minister for Health the number of dual diagnosis teams across the state; the number which are operational; the catchment areas which they serve; the number which are fully staffed; and the number of vacancies otherwise, in tabular form.- David Cullinane

Dear Mr Cullinane,

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 Model of Care for Dual Diagnosis was launched in May 2023. Since its launch, the National Clinical Programme have been working on implementing this model, starting with four initial sites. Two adult specialist services and two enhanced addiction adolescent services. Please see the table below with more detail pertaining to these initial sites.

DD team	Adult / adolescent	Catchment area	Stage of development	Expected to be fully resourced by
1	Adult	Former CHO 3	Services commenced with recruitment ongoing and additional two Whole Time Equivalents (WTEs) resourced in the National Service Plan (NSP) 2025	Q4 2025
1	Adult	Former CHO 4 (Cork)	Services commenced with recruitment ongoing	Q4 2025
1	Adolescent Dual Diagnosis Hub team	Former CHO 9	Services continue with ongoing recruitment to enhance the services as recommended in the Model of Care for Dual Diagnosis	Q4 2025



			with an additional WTE resourced through the NSP 2025	
1	Adolescent Dual Diagnosis Hub team	Former CHO 7	Services continue with ongoing recruitment to enhance the services as recommended in the Model of Care for Dual Diagnosis and additional three WTEs resourced through the NSP 2025	Q4 2025

Please note that the adolescent teams mentioned above are addition services who cater to children and adolescents, which are being enhanced to the level of Adolescent Dual Diagnosis Specialist Hub Teams (as per the model of care)

In addition to these four initial sites, we will commence developing two additional services in 2025. One of these services will be a Dual Diagnosis team for adults in the Waterford region with three WTEs resourced in the NSP 2025. Furthermore, an additional Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) post has been resourced in the NSP 2025 to provide in-reach Dual Diagnosis support to Cork Prison, which will be a new pilot initiative through the HSE Dual Diagnosis National Clinical Programme.

Should you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

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