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Mr. Michael Murphy TD Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Dublin 2.

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To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to open an adult ADHD treatment clinic in South Tipperary catchment area; when the clinical pathways regarding ADHD treatment changed in the South Tipperary area; whether there are any financial supports in place to help people pay for private assessments; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

This National Clinical Programme (NCP) applies to adults with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). ADHD is a common neuro-developmental disorder with three core symptoms (inattention, hyperactivity and impulsivity). The Programme is delivered as part of the HSE's mental health service provision and across government departments to ensure a holistic, integrated, person-centered response to adults with ADHD. There has been a phased roll out of specialist community Adult ADHD teams across the country. I can confirm notification has recently been received under the clinical programme for the development of an Adult ADHD team for Integrated Health Areas of Carlow, Kilkenny and Tipperary South and Waterford Wexford. Subject to a successful recruitment process the establishment of this team will be prioritised. This is a positive step forward in developing Adult ADHD services in the area, and we look forward to collaborating with all relevant stakeholders to ensure the successful implementation of the programme.

Unfortunately, Mental Health Services do not have any financial supports to assist with private assessments.

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs. Anne Donaghey Head of Service Mental Health Services