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Deputy Quinlivan,  
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**PQ Number: 29348/25**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if funding has been allocated for the two early intervention, in psychosis teams promised for Limerick and Dublin in Budget 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Maurice Quinlivan**

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Dear Deputy Quinlivan,

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 HSE National Clinical Programme for Early Intervention in Psychosis is a joint initiative between the HSE and the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland, with the Model of Care launched on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Each year in Ireland an estimated 1,500 people develop a psychotic disorder for the first time. National Implementation of this clinical programme will require the development of approximately 25 EIP services in Ireland in line with Sharing the Vision recommendation 52.

There are 5 EIP Teams in place across the HSE. All are at various stages of development and resourcing when compared with the HSE EIP Model of Care. The 5 EIP teams are RISE, South Lee & EIST North Lee CHO4 (2 teams), Sligo/ Leitrim/ South Donegal CHO 1, DETECT- Dublin, North Wicklow CHO 6, Meath CHO8. A small team (3.5WTEs) has been funded to establish a service for CAMHS based in South Dublin.

3 additional adult teams have received funding and primary notification numbers with permission to recruit were released in November 2024 (Budget 2024) and May 2025 (budget 2025) and are in the early stages of recruitment, they will serve, North Dublin, South Dublin (Tallaght/Ballyfermot) and Mid-West. In 2025 10 WTEs were funded for EIP teams in Dublin and Limerick. In total over €2.8M recurring funding was allocated.

The National Clinical Programme is working with each senior clinical team in each area to agree a plan for recruitment and implementation of the model of care to meet the needs of their population. It is difficult to give an exact time for when teams will be established. Recruitment takes time and there are often time lags between appointment and taking up post. Each team will require a team base, local services are required to identify a suitable premises and fund from within their local budget. The National Clinical Programme does not have access to a capital budget.

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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