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O'Gorman,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the WTE staffing, by job title, and funding needed to provide one additional adolescent dual diagnosis team; and if she will make a statement on the matter -Roderic O'Gorman.

Dear Deputy O'Gorman,

The Model of Care for Dual Diagnosis launched in May 2023. It recommends the establishment of four Adolescent Dual Diagnosis Hub teams based in Dublin North (covering RHA Dublin North and North East) and Dublin South (covering RHA Midlands and Dublin South), Cork (covering RHA SouthWest) and Galway (covering RHA West and North West) in addition to twelve Adult Dual Diagnosis teams.

Since the launch of the Model of care, enhancement of the HSE Child and Adolescent Addictions team in Dublin North and Dublin South have been resourced. The recruitment for the Dual Diagnosis Hub Adolescent team in Dublin North is expected to be completed by the end of this year. The recruitment for the Adolescent hub team based in Dublin South is ongoing.

This is in addition to the two Adult Dual Diagnosis teams who have commenced their services in RHA Midwest and in Cork. Furthermore, recruitment for the third Adult Dual Diagnosis team in Waterford has commenced this year.

The establishment of Dual Diagnosis teams includes pay and non-pay costs, associated with each team. According to the Model of Care, each of the Hub Adolescent teams are recommended to have a staff allocation of 13 WTEs. This includes Consultant Psychiatrist, Grade IV, NCHD, Senior Clinical Psychologist, Senior Social Worker, Senior Occupational Therapist, Senior Addiction Counsellor, Staff Grade Addiction Counsellor, Family Therapist, Youth Outreach worker, two Clinical Nurse Specialists and a Clinical Nurse Manager 2.

The cost of 13 WTEs for an Adolescent Dual Diagnosis team is around €1.45 million per annum at present, which will rise with the current agreement for public sector pay increase, over the next year. In addition to the Adolescent Dual diagnosis hub teams, there will be around four spoke teams supporting the Adolescent services across Ireland. Each of these spoke teams will have around two Addiction Counsellors and two Clinical Nurse Specialists depending on their catchment area. These spoke teams will have pay related costs of around €400,000 per annum. It should be noted these pay costings are based on mid-point salary scale for each of the grades and is inclusive of employers' PRSI. The non-pay incurred will include cost of buildings, utilities, IT supplies, training, travel etc. The non-pay element will be dependent on local resources, sharing resources with other services and other related determinants at the time of implementation. Hence, at present it is not possible to provide non-pay costings for the full implementation of the dual diagnosis services.

A detailed description of the WTEs and the pathways is available from the Model of Care for Dual Diagnosis through the following link

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/ncps/mental-health/dual-diagnosis-ncp/dual-diagnosis-model-of-care.pdf>

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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