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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of individuals funded by the Health Service Executive for care for eating disorders by private providers, from the years 2022 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Marie Sherlock

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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 has prioritised eating disorder services as part of National Clinical Programmes (NCPs) and has established a specific clinical programme for eating disorders. The NCPs aim to develop person-centred, integrated care through a clinician-led, evidence-based approach to service reform. The need for specialist services is reflected in Sharing the Vision and more recently in the new Programme for Government. In January 2018 the HSE published a National Model of Care for Eating Disorders (MOC) in partnership with College of Psychiatrists' of Ireland and Bodywhys.

The HSE core focus is on developing regional community-based specialist eating disorder services across CAMHS and adult populations (in line with MOC) provided by skilled multidisciplinary teams, through the National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders. The table below outlines the current and new funded teams by HSE Regional area.



Eating Disorders Regional teams by HSE Regions

Region /population	Current Eating Disorders Teams
HSE Dublin and North East: (1,187,082 population)	Cavan Monaghan – adult team
	Dublin North City and West – CAMHS Team
	Dublin North County – Adult Team
HSE Dublin and Midlands: (1,077,639 population)	Dublin South City and West/Kildare/West Wicklow – CAMHS Team
New 2025	Dublin South West/Kildare – Adult Team in recruitment 2025
New 2025	Midlands - Adult Team in recruitment 2025
HSE Dublin and South East: (971,093 Population)	Carlow Kilkenny/ Tipperary South/Waterford Wexford – Adult Team
	Dublin South and Wicklow – CAMHS
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HSE Mid-West: (413,059 Population) 2025	New CAMHS ED team – Midwest in recruitment 2025
HSE South West: (740,614 population)	CAMHS team
	Adult team
HSE West and North West: (759,652 population)	CAMHS Team – Galway/Roscommon
	Adult Team – Sligo/Leitrim/South Donegal

- While we develop specialist teams across areas there are a number of ANPs and other dedicated staff working in Cavan CAMHS, Donegal, Midlands, that are preparing sites and attending all our training and education.
- Since the MOC was published (2018) the population has grown, and this will be reflected in any review.

Where there is need Referral to private care will be facilitated based on clinical presentation and will be funded locally depending on individual circumstances. There is no data available on how many individuals where funded by the HSE to avail of eating disorder treatment in a private facility.



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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