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Deputy Sorcha Clarke,
Dail Eireann,
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PQ Number: 13323/25

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health for an update on any progress to the Dual Diagnosis Programme since 2021; the way it is being monitored; and if outcomes and the progress of individuals are tracked and monitored.

PQ Number: 13324/25

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if she will provide a list of the dual diagnosis services in each CHO, in tabular form

PQ Number: 13332/25

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies per dual diagnosis teams across the country.

HSE Due Date: 3rd April 2025

Dear Deputy Clarke,

The Model of Care for Dual Diagnosis was launched in May 2023, this Model of Care recommends each specialist team has a WTE level of 13 team members, across many disciplines.

Dual Diagnosis specialist teams are tertiary level teams covering a catchment area of around 300,000 or more and they deliver interventions with other service providers in the mental health services, HSE drug services and other stake holders. With regards to monitoring and progress of services users, they are followed up as clinically indicated similar to other HSE services. The teams provide key performance indicators similar to other HSE Mental health services in addition to data being planned to be collected through the National Drug Treatment Reporting System (NDTRS) with the support of the Health Research Board (HRB).

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 Dual Diagnosis adolescent hub services. Please see the table below with more detail pertaining to these initial sites and the vacancies.



DD team	Adult / adolescent	Catchment area	Stage of development	Number of vacancies
1	Adult	HSE Midwest RHA	Commenced services with recruitment still ongoing	4 WTEs at various stages of recruitment and further 2 WTEs resourced in NSP 2025
1	Adult	County Cork (HSE South West)	Commenced services with recruitment still ongoing	2 WTEs at various stages of recruitment
1	Adolescent Hub team	HSE Dublin and North East RHA	Services continue with ongoing enhancement and continued recruitment to enhance the services as recommended in the Model of Care for Dual Diagnosis with an additional WTE resourced through the NSP 2025	3 WTEs at various stages of recruitment with 1 WTEs further resourced in NSP 2025
1	Adolescent Hub team	HSE Dublin and Midlands RHA	Services continue with enhancement ongoing and continued recruitment to enhance the services as recommended in the Model of Care for Dual Diagnosis and additional three WTEs resourced through the NSP 2025	7 WTEs at various stages of recruitment and further 3 WTEs resourced in NSP 2025

In addition to these four initial sites, we will commence developing two additional services in 2025. One of these services will be a team for adults in the Waterford region with 3 WTEs resourced in the NSP 2025, and the other is a new initiative, linked with the Cork Dual Diagnosis services, providing in-reach support to the Irish Prison Service.

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

Yours sincerely,

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