



Deputy
Connolly,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the locations around the country where community health organisations are providing specific services for adults who suffer from ADHD; the staffing cohort at each location; the number of patients benefitting from the services at each location, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -John Connolly

Dear Deputy Connolly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the ADHD in Adults Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Until relatively recently there were no public services for adults with ADHD in Ireland. In 2016, the then National Clinical Advisor recommended to the HSE Mental Health Director, ADHD in Adults be considered for prioritisation as a National Clinical Programme (NCP) as this was a serious service deficit. This was agreed, an NCP Working Group set up which was both multidisciplinary and had service user input provided by ADHD Ireland. The Model of Care developed was approved by the HSE and launched by Minister Butler in 2021 who also funded 3 of the 11 community-based specialist teams recommended. These were established in 2022 with a further 4 funded by the DoH and set up between 2023-2024. The information requested is shown in the table below.

Service	Staffing	Number fully assessed in 2024
CHO1- Sligo/Leitrim/Donegal	Consultant 0.5 WTE Admin 1.0 Senior OT 0.5 WTE Senior Psychologist 0.5 Nurse (CNS) Vacant	93
CHO6- Dublin SE/ Wicklow	Consultant 1.0 Admin 1.0 Senior OT 1.0 Senior Psychologist 1.0 Nurse (CNS) 1.0 NCHD 1.0	139
CHO3- Limerick/Clare/N.Tipp	Consultant 1.0 Admin 1.0 Senior Psychologist 1 Nurse (CNS) 1.0 vacant Senior OT 1.0 vacant	147

CHO4- Cork (excluding West Cork)	Consultant 1.0 Admin 1.0 Senior OT 1.0 Senior Psychologist 1.0 Nurse (CNS) 1.0	99
CHO4 -Kerry/ West Cork	Consultant 1.0- But 0.4 WTE locum in place. Admin 1.0 Senior Psychologist 1 Nurse (CNS) 1.0 vacant Senior OT 0.5 WTE vacant	41
CHO7- Dublin South and West	Consultant 1.0 Admin 1.0 Senior Psychologist 1.0 Nurse (CNS) 1.0 vacant Senior OT 1.0 vacant	71
CHO8/1- Offally/Laois to extend to Kildare/west Wicklow/Longford/West Meath pending additional staff recruitment	Consultant 1.0 Admin 1.0 Senior OT 1.0 Nurse (CNS) 1.0 NCHD 1.0 Senior Psychologist 1.0 vacant	68

Posts in orange currently vacant

Minister Butler has now provided funding for the remaining 4 teams and the NCP's Clinical Lead is in the process of setting these up with the local management teams. The sites of these 4 teams are:

1. Galway/Roscommon/Mayo
2. Waterford, Wexford, Carlow, Kilkenny and South Tipperary
3. North Dublin and County
4. Cavan/Monaghan/Louth/ Meath

Experience with the existing teams indicates the number of people being referred is far outstripping the capacity of the existing teams. These were specifically set up to respond to people with moderate to severe ADHD and significant functional impairment. The NCP Clinical Lead is working jointly with ADHD Ireland to design a primary care step response and this report will be available in the next 3 months. If implemented it will work with the existing specialist teams to enhance response capacity.

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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