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To ask the Minister for Health the locations within CHO9 where regional specialist memory clinics are located, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Heneghan,

I refer to your parliamentary question, which was passed to the HSE for response.

Target 2 of the Model of Care for Dementia in Ireland (2023) outlines that *there should be a minimum of five Regional Specialist Memory Clinics (RSMCs) nationally, with two of these based outside of Dublin, performing approximately 500 assessments per year in each site.* RSMCs are considered level 3 diagnostic services and are based in tertiary care. Diagnostic assessment in a RSMC is generally intended for younger, atypical or unclear presentations that require a more detailed assessment, or where the person wishes to participate in a more detailed and specific aetiological evaluation.

Currently, four RSMCs are operational. They are based at St James's Hospital in Dublin, Tallaght University Hospital in Dublin, Galway University Hospital and the Mercy University Hospital in Cork. It is envisaged that there will be continued expansion of this diagnostic model, funding for which will be sought through the annual estimates process.

In addition, the National Intellectual Disability Memory Service (NIDMS) operates out of Tallaght University Hospital and is also considered a level 3 diagnostic service. The NIDMS is a centre of excellence in dementia assessment and diagnosis for people with an intellectual disability, particularly supporting people with Down Syndrome given their increased genetic risk for developing dementia. Please see table 1 below which outlines the location of all RSMCs and the NIDMS, and the level 4 hospital they are aligned to.

**Table 1: Level 3 Diagnostic Services: Location of all Regional Specialist Memory Clinics**

Diagnostic Service	Location	Hospital Aligned to
Regional Specialist Memory Clinic (St. James's)	Dublin	St James's Hospital
Regional Specialist Memory Clinic (Tallaght)	Dublin	Tallaght University Hospital
Regional Specialist Memory Clinic (Galway)	Galway	Galway University Hospital
Regional Specialist Memory Clinic (Cork)	Cork	Mercy University Hospital
National Intellectual Disability Memory Service	Dublin	Tallaght University Hospital

In response to your question, there is no dedicated RSMC in the CHO9 area but there are a number of long-established memory clinics based in Beaumont Hospital, the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital and Connolly Hospital Blanchardstown which serve the needs of people living within the CHO9 area. Service users within the CHO9 region can also avail of RSMC services either at St James's Hospital or Tallaght University Hospital, Dublin if indicated.



I trust this is of assistance.

**Yours sincerely,**

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