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Deputy Clarke,
Dail Eireann,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the cost to fully implement the National Clinical Programme for Early Intervention Psychosis; and if she will make a statement on the matter.
-Sorca Clarke

Dear Deputy Clarke,

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 National Clinical Programme for Early Intervention in Psychosis is a joint initiative between the HSE and the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland, with the Model of Care launched on 12th June 2019. Each year in Ireland an estimated 1,500 people develop a psychotic disorder for the first time. National Implementation of this clinical programme will require the development of approximately 25 EIP services in Ireland in line with Sharing the Vision recommendation 52.

There are 5 EIP Teams in place across the HSE. All are at various stages of development and resourcing when compared with the HSE EIP Model of Care. The 5 EIP teams are RISE, South Lee & EIST North Lee CHO4 (2 teams), Sligo/ Leitrim/ South Donegal CHO 1, DETECT- Dublin, North Wicklow CHO 6, Meath CHO8. 3 additional adult teams have received funding in 2025 and are in the early stages of recruitment, they will serve, North Dublin, Tallaght/Ballyfermot and Mid-West. A small team (3.5WTEs) has been funded to establish a service for CAMHS based in South Dublin.

Early Intervention in Psychosis:

17 more EIP specialist services are required to provide national coverage for all people aged 14- 64 years old as per the EIP Model of Care at an estimated cost of €30M.

EIP Teams: A fully staffed EIP Specialist Team providing care to a population of 200,000 people aged 14- 64 years old will cost in the region of €1.6 million, €27.2M for 17 Teams. The costs will vary from urban to rural settings as the rates of psychosis are higher in urban settings, where there are more young people and where there are higher rates of socioeconomic deprivation. However, the HSE commissioned the development of a population based psychosis incidence model. This model was published in December 2022. This model allows us to predict the incidence of psychosis that would be expected in each community mental health

team area in Ireland. This allows us to identify the areas of the highest need (i.e. highest predicted rates of psychosis). It also allows us to allocate resources according to actual need in each area to ensure services are neither under nor over resourced.

We require a minimum of 3 additional teams each year (€4.8M) to achieve national EIP roll out in line with National Policy- Sharing the Vision.

EIP Training and Education: A rolling ring-fenced budget to support mandatory training is required at an estimated cost of 20k/ year growing as more teams come on stream.

National Clinical Audit Psychosis: Each EIP Team participates in this International Clinical Audit. The Audit is conducted as a collaboration between Royal College of Psychiatrists and Health Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) in the UK. The audit standards are based on NICE guidelines for Early Intervention in Psychosis. The cost is estimated at €7k per team per year.

Capital Costs: Each team will also require funding for a team premise from which to work. Costs will vary but some capital funding must be allocated to these teams in addition to WTE funding to ensure teams have a place to work from and see service users and their families.

Programme Manager: This is a significant change programme and requires a full time programme manager in line with other clinical programmes across healthcare. Currently 0.3 WTE is allocated to the programme this needs to be increased to a full time post. Grade VIII €99,335.

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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