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Deputy Clarke,
Dail Eireann,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the progress of the two new early intervention in psychosis teams promised for Limerick and Dublin, a timeframe for when the teams will be established; 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. A small team (3.5WTEs) has been funded to establish a service for CAMHS based in South Dublin.

3 additional adult teams have received funding in November 2024 and May 2025 and are in the early stages of recruitment, they will serve, North Dublin, South Dublin (Tallaght/Ballyfermot) and Mid-West. The National Clinical Programme is working with each senior clinical team to agree a plan for recruitment and implementation of the model of care to meet the needs of their population. It is difficult to give an exact time for when teams will be established. Recruitment takes time and there are often time lags between appointment and taking up post. Each team will require a team base, local services are required to identify a suitable premises and fund from within their local budget. The National Clinical Programme do not have a capital budget.

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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