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Deputy Roisin Shortall,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health to report, in tabular form, which of the national clinical programmes in mental health, namely ADHD, dual diagnosis, early intervention in psychosis (eip), eating disorders, perinatal mental health, self-harm/suicide are available to under-18s; to indicate the location of these; to report on the number of under-18s who accessed each of these; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Róisín Shortall

Dear Deputy Shorthall,

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.

Specialist Perinatal Mental Health Services

The SPMHS programme comprehends the care of women of 18 years and older. Services users under 18 who attend the maternity services and have mental health problems are referred to CAMHS. However, there is flexibility in the perinatal mental health services to respond to referrals of under 18 year olds. The SPMHS MOC 2017 is due to be refreshed soon and will include a review of the mental health care of needs of under 18 year olds. It will address how SPMHS and CAMHS should work together to provide optimal perinatal mental health care for this vulnerable group.

ADHD

Under 18's with ADHD or requiring assessment for ADHD receive a service through the CAMHS Teams which are available nationally.

Dual Diagnosis

The National Clinical Programme for Dual Diagnosis are currently working with partners to develop adolescent services in two HSE regions supporting former CHO's 7 and 9. As these services are currently developing, we are unable to provide and information regarding numbers.

Self-Harm and Suicide related ideation (NCPSH)

The CAMHS SCAN CNS is available in Dublin North and provide services to 4 Community Healthcare Networks to include Blakestown CHN, Blanchardstown CHN, Ballymun CHN and Finglas CHN. The service commenced in March 2023 and 89 referrals were received and assessed up to end December 2023. From January 2024 to end of March 2024, 40 referrals were received of which 35 were accepted and assessed.

Early Intervention in Psychosis Teams CAMHS

EIP team	Location
ARMS Team (under 18 years)	South Dublin

This service is in set up phase in 2024. It has a team of 3.5WTEs, psychology, medical, key worker and admin. Consultant (0.5) has been recruited we are awaiting a start date. This new service will provide additional expertise to current teams in Lucena CAMHS services in the assessment and management of young people attending the service with suspected or diagnosed psychosis. The other team members have commenced training modules and are engaging with other EIP teams in preparation for the start of this service.

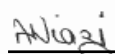
Eating Disorders Teams – CAMHS

Eating Disorders Regional specialist teams	Team base
1. CAMHS ED CHO 2	Galway – (Awaiting permanent base)
2. CAMHS CHO4	Cork City
3. CAMHS ED CHO6	Lucena Clinic (New community base to open in Q4, 2024)
4. CAMHS ED CHO7/Part CHO8	Dublin – Cherry Orchard Campus
5. CAMHS ED CHO9/ part of CHO8 (Longford/Westmeath/Meath/Louth)	Dublin North City (Awaiting permanent base)

297 children and adolescents accessed NCPED CAMHS teams in 2023.

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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