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Duncan Smith,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health any initiatives he plans to introduce to increase resources for adult mental health assessments in the Fingal region, including a focus on ADHD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Duncan Smith

Dear Deputy Duncan Smith,

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.

Mental Health Services for Fingal are provided through CHO9. The Adult ADHD National Clinical programme recommends one Adult ADHD Service for CHO9. The Executive Clinical Director made it known to the National Clinical Lead for ADHD in Adults in 2022 and 2023 that he would like a service to be established in his area. In response the National Clinical Lead sought funding from the DOH in its Budget Submission through the Office of the National Clinical Advisor Mental Health for this CHO and the 3 other CHOs without such a service for the funding to set up these services in 2023 and 2024 but no funding was specifically allocated for CHO9 .

Of relevance , experience with the existing 5 operational services is that the need for assessment post-pandemic outstrips the capacity of the services to respond and that many now being referred would have their needs more appropriately met by the development of a primary care component. This is currently the subject of an Integrated Care for Adults with ADHD Project established by the National Clinical Advisor early this year as a joint project with ADHD Ireland. It will recommend the form this response should take, how it will work with the Adult ADHD Services established within mental health to date and with ADHD Ireland. This will require additional funding for staff and an education programme.

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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