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**Deputy Mark Ward,
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.**

PQ Number: 18524/24

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the steps that have been taken to achieve an interagency approach to delivering dual-diagnosis services, as set out on page 24 of the model of care for dual diagnosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Date: 7th May 2024

Dear Deputy Ward,

Thanks for your PQ seeking information on the steps that have been taken to achieve an interagency approach to delivering dual diagnosis services. The Dual Diagnosis Model of Care was launched in May 2023 and since then recruitment have been taking place for the two Adult Dual Diagnosis teams in Midwest and Cork respectively. In addition, resources have been allocated for the enhancement of the SASSY team in CHO 9 and YoDA team in CHO 7 to Adolescent Dual Diagnosis Hub teams.

As recommended in the Model of Care, Dual Diagnosis services will be delivered in an inter-agency and integrated manner wherein HSE Mental Health Services and HSE Addiction Services (under Social Inclusion) will be working together along with the support of the Integrated Alcohol Services (under Health and Wellbeing). Furthermore, voluntary bodies including Section 39 agencies, probation, Housing First and other relevant stakeholders will be involved in the care of the service user depending on their individual needs.

In addition, Dual Diagnosis National Clinical Programme will deliver training needs of frontline staff in partnership with the HSE Mental Health Services, National Office of Suicide Prevention, HSE Social Inclusion and HSE Health and Wellbeing (Integrated Alcohol Services). Moreover, Health Research Board (HRB) are already working with the Dual Diagnosis Clinical Programme concerning research and data collection for future strategic planning. When the services commence in different regions, Dual Diagnosis National Clinical Programme will continue to work with different agencies depending on the individual service user needs to ensure the best possible outcome for the service user.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries on the above.

Yours sincerely,

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