



Deputy Alan Kelly,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Date: 23.05.2024

PQ Number: 6606/24

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE adult ADHD specialists working in CHOs 3 and 5 in 2022, 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form. -Alan Kelly

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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 Adult ADHD specialists working in CHOs 3 and 5 are shown in tabular form below. Each team should consist of a consultant psychiatrist, senior psychologist, NCHD, Clinical Nurse Specialist (mental health), Senior Occupational Therapist and administrator (grade 4)

Staff	CHO3		CHO5	
	Post approved	Filled	Post approved	Filled
Con.	1	1	0	0
NCHD	1	1	0	0
Admin	1	1	0	0
Psychologist	1	0	0	0
CNS	1	0	0	0
OT	1	0	0	0

In summary:

CHO3: funding was allocated for a full team in 2022 and all posts filled. Three staff members moved to new posts last year with the result only 2 of 5 clinical posts are filled. This team is operating at 40% clinical capacity and now has a waiting list approaching 2 years.

The filling of the 3 clinical vacancies for which there are National Recruitment Service panels available has been put on hold by the HSE recruitment embargo put in place in November 2023 and were not approved for filling when this was applied for the recently introduced derogation process.

CH05

The Department of Health (DOH) has not allocated any funding to establish an Adult ADHD Service in CH05 yet. This was requested by the HSE Mental health Clinical Programme's Office in its budget submission in for the years 2023 and 2024 but not allocated by the DOH.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amir Niazi".

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