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Question **To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the model of care for dual diagnosis; the funding given to the model of care; the rollout plan for the model of care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward**

Date: 22nd of February 2024

Dear Deputy Ward

Thank you for your PQ seeking an update on the model of care for Dual Diagnosis. The model of care was launched jointly by Ministers Butler and Naughton in May 2023. Since the launch there has been significant progress in terms of developing specialist dual diagnosis services.

To date, we have been allocated funding from the department of health to develop two adult and two adolescent dual diagnosis teams. The two adult dual diagnosis teams will be based in CHO 3 and CHO 4 respectively and is expected to commence services by the third quarter of 2024 subject to recruitment being completed in the context of the current recruitment freeze in the HSE.

The two adolescent dual diagnosis teams will be based in CHO 7 and CHO 9 and resources have been allocated for seven whole time equivalent posts for each of those teams for 2024. The resources for the adolescent teams are funded through the Mental Health unit and the Drug Policy Unit of the Department of Health. The adolescent dual diagnosis services in CHO 7 and CHO 9 are expected to commence by early 2025 subject to recruitment being completed.

We expect the services to continue expand across the country as resources become available in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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