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Deputy Mark Ward
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PQ Question : To ask the Minister for Health for an update on the implementation of the dual diagnosis pilot sites the model of care; for an update on recruitment for these services; when they will be rolled out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward

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Date: 6th February 2024

Dear Deputy Ward

Thank you for your PQ seeking an update on the model of care for Dual Diagnosis. 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 are currently working with our partners in HSE National Social Inclusion and Mental Health Recovery and engagement to develop two modules on HSELand to support the implementation of the programme. These modules will be followed by an in person training programme which is also in development. It is anticipated that these training episodes will be available to both mental health and addiction services staff by Q4 2024.

Yours sincerely,

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