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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if funding for private hospital care is available to persons with eating disorders who are not accepted to public facilities for care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Ward

Dear Deputy Ward,

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 HSE provides public health services and can be accessed by all citizens. Currently the HSE is developing regional community-based specialist eating disorder services, provided by skilled multidisciplinary teams through the National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders (NCP-ED). People with eating disorders can also currently receive their outpatient treatment through one of the 112 community AMHS (Adult Mental Health Service) teams and 76 CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) teams, on referral from their GP.

The HSE National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders (NCP-ED) aims to establish an eating disorder network (eight adult teams and eight CAMHS teams) in accordance with the agreed Model of Care (2018). There are currently five of these specialist CAMHS teams and six Adult teams at various stages of development across the HSE - the teams are listed below. These consultant-led teams provide specialist eating disorder assessment and treatment in the community and are the foundations of quality eating disorder care.

NCP-ED teams:

CHO 9: CAMHS –North Dublin

CHO 9: Adult team – North Dublin

CHO 2: CAMHS – Galway

CHO1: Adult – Sligo/Leitrim and Cavan/Monaghan

CHO 4: Adult team – Cork

CHO 5: Adult team – Kilkenny



CHO 7 CAMHS – Linn Dara community ED service – South West Dublin and Kildare

CHO 4 CAMHS – CAREDS – Cork

CHO 6 Adult – Dublin south east and Wicklow, based in South Dublin

CHO 6 CAMHS – Dublin south east and Wicklow, based in South Dublin

Where there is need Referral to private care will be facilitated based on clinical presentation and will be funded locally depending on individual circumstances.

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 handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Mc Cusker'.

Tony Mc Cusker
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