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Fergus O'Dowd TD  
Dáil Éireann  
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Re PQ Ref 12070/24

***To ask the Minister for Health if dual diagnosis assessments and diagnosis services for adults within counties Louth or Meath are available through the public system; if not, the reasons for same; if they are not, if the cost of accessing a diagnosis can be applied for through the NTPF or other funding avenues; and if he will make a statement on the matter."***

Dear Deputy O'Dowd

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 outlined the position as follows.

Louth Meath Mental Health Services does not have a dedicated Dual Diagnosis Consultant or Team.

Louth Meath Mental Health services provide a secondary Mental Health Service referral service regarding assessments and interventions for those with diagnoses of moderate to severe psychiatric illness as required.

If someone is attending our service with moderate to severe illness and their treating Consultant Psychiatrist deems alcohol to be a significant factor, they may make a funding request for an inpatient treatment programme to the Executive Clinical Director e.g Rutland Centre, Aiseiri. However, this funding is not a frequent occurrence.

I trust the above is in order. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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