



Oifig an Chomhairleora Chliniciúil
Náisiúnta agus Ceannaire Grúpa do
Mheabhairshláinte

HSE, Ospidéal an Dr Stevens, Baile Átha
Cliath 8, DO8 W2A8

Office of the National Clinical
Advisor and Group Lead for Mental
Health

HSE, Dr Steevens' Hospital, Dublin 8,
DO8 W2A8

www.hse.ie
[@hselive](https://twitter.com/hselive)

e: ncagl.mentalhealth@hse.ie

Deputy
Sean Haughey,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

07.10.2024

PQ Number: 34219/24

PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be allocated for delivery of an adult ADHD service in Dublin north city and county; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County mental health services has not received resources for delivery of an adult ADHD service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Sean Haughey

Dear Deputy Sean Haughey,

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 National Clinical programme recommends one Adult ADHD Service for CHO9 (Dublin North City and County). The Executive Clinical Director made it known to the National Clinical Lead for ADHD in Adults in 2022 and 2023 that he would like a service to be established in his area. In response the National Clinical Lead sought funding from the DOH in its Budget Submission through the Office of the National Clinical Advisor Mental Health in 2023, 2024 and in 2025. Funding for all the remaining Teams have now been confirmed in Budget 2025. The additional funding for the essential education of these new teams, when recruited in 2025, is currently being sought.

Of relevance, experience with the existing 5 operational services is that the need for assessment post-pandemic outstrips the capacity of the services to respond and that many now being referred would have their needs more appropriately met by the development of a primary care component. This is currently the subject of an Integrated Care for Adults with ADHD Project established by the National Clinical Advisor early this year as a joint project with ADHD Ireland. It will recommend the form this response should take, how it will work with the Adult ADHD Services established within mental health to date and with ADHD Ireland. This will require additional funding for staff and an education programme and is essential if the services are to meet the needs of the local population.

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

Yours sincerely,

Dr Amir Niazi
National Clinical Advisor & Group Lead for Mental Health

Clinical Design and Innovation
Health Service Executive