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To ask the Minister for Health the stage at which the development of ADHD services for CH07 are at; if these services are now operational given it was stated that they would be by Q3 in 2023; the services that are now available; if further services are planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smith,

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Benchmarking suggest that services can expect 25/100,000/ year young people to transition from CAMHS services with ADHD for on-going management. This would be approximately 100 referrals per year for South Central Dublin. Referrals from CAMHS of young adults has in fact exceeded this number by almost double, and the team has received 111 CAMHS referrals in the first 7 months of operation.

The adult ADHD service covering South Central Dublin has been open to clinical referrals since December 2023. As the service is only partially recruited to, it has limited its remit to the following priority pathways
1) Young adults' transition from the area CAMHS services. 2) Consultancy to Adult Mental Health Services.

The initial months of the team inception required a period of training. From December 2023 until end March 2024, the team comprised of 1.8 WTE clinicians, and 1 WTE administration role. For a brief period from April until end August 2024 this has increased to 2.6 WTE clinicians. However, due to a forthcoming resignation, this will return from end August 2024 to 1.8 WTE clinicians and 1.0 WTE administration staff.

There is an Adult ADHD service currently being developed in the Kildare area, and recruitment is underway for a Consultant and Multi-Disciplinary Team. As this clinic is not yet in operation, we cannot provide a date at this time. It is our hope that this service will be in operation by quarter 3 of 2024.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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