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Dail Eireann,
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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of the current funding provided by his Department funding for dual diagnosis supports in CHO9; and if he plans a national centre for dual diagnosis. - Paul McAuliffe

Dear Deputy McAuliffe,

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.

Currently the National Clinical Programme for Dual Diagnosis (DD NCP) are working with Social Inclusion and Mental Health services in CHO 9, to support the implementation of specialist Dual Diagnosis services. We have started with the enhancement of the existing Adolescent addictions services (SASSY) in CHO 9. This includes providing resources for seven Whole Time Equivalent (WTEs) through the DD NCP to enhance the SASSY team in CHO 9, at a cost of €625,732 per annum. The recruitment process for these posts have commenced in the CHO 9.

As per the Model of Care, a HSE National Dual Diagnosis Rehabilitation unit has been recommended. We are working with HSE Social Inclusion and Mental Health in CHO 9, along with the Department of Health to progress this development. The DD NCP have made a submission to the estimates process for the National Service Plan 2025 regarding the additional resources required, for this National Unit (Keltoi). We await the outcome of our submission in the budget to progress this further, taking in to consideration, the availability of resources and the competing priorities in health at present.

Yours sincerely,

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