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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 622 of 23 January 2024, when the two adult dual diagnosis services will open in 2024; if they will be open in Q3 of 2024; if not, the reasons therefor; 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.

Following the launch of the Model of Care for Dual Diagnosis in May 2023, recruitment for the two adult teams (in the Midwest/CHO3 region and in County Cork/CHO 4) is ongoing. The Dual Diagnosis team based in Cork commenced the services on 8th July 2024 with plans to recruit further team members later in the year and possibly, next year. Furthermore, Dual Diagnosis services is expected to commence in CHO 3 in Q4 2024, with additional team members expected to be recruited later in the year.

For the Adolescent services, seven Whole Time Equivalents (WTEs) have been resourced to enhance the SASSY team in CHO 9 to an Adolescent Dual Diagnosis hub team this year, in addition to another seven WTEs being resourced to enhance the YoDA team in CHO 7 to another Adolescent Dual Diagnosis hub team.

The Model of Care recommends 12 adult dual diagnosis teams in total including the above two teams in CHO 3 and CHO 4. This is in addition to the four hub Adolescent Dual Diagnosis teams including the above teams in CHO 9 and CHO 7, recommended across the country. Each of these teams have been recommended in the Model of Care to have a staff allocation of 13 whole time equivalents (WTEs).

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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