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**College Statement on HSE National Clinical Programme for Adult ADHD**

The College welcomes the launch and funding of demonstration sites for the first component in the development of the HSE National Clinical Programme for Adult ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).

Through its Clinical Advisory Group (CAG), the College has worked with the HSE to develop this proposed model of care and the robust process put in place to assess its fitness for national rollout. This process consists of two components: demonstration sites and a National Oversight and Implementation Group. This Group will assess the effect of implementation of the rollout of the model at the demonstration sites. The National Oversight and Implementation Group will evaluate the implementation of the model of care at each demonstration site and after appropriate review will adapt the proposed model. This will lead to a model of care that can be rolled out nationally with assurance that patients get maximum benefit from the programme.

Now that the proposed model of care is being launched with the announcement of the demonstration sites, the College looks forward to the establishment of the National Oversight and Implementation Group, which will include General Adult and Child Psychiatrist nominees. This representation from the College alongside HSE Mental Health can ensure collaboration is underpinned by the robust processes, transparency and open communication with the objective that patients will be offered a Programme that is evidence-based and works for them.

The College emphasises the need for this program, and all clinical programs in mental health, to be given parity of esteem with other HSE Clinical Programmes. National rollout of these programmes requires both funding and the necessary specialist health professionals for their success, which ultimately means being able to provide the intervention, treatment and support to those in society debilitated and suffering because of these disorders.

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