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Press Statement **Thursday 29 May 2025**

College of Psychiatrists of Ireland welcomes launch of National Model of Care for Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry

Thursday 29 May 2025. The College of Psychiatrists of Ireland welcomes today's launch of Ireland's first national Model of Care for Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry (CLP) by Minister for Mental Health, Mary Butler TD.

The new model of care marks a vital step forward in the provision of integrated, person-centred mental health care within acute hospital settings. It provides a standardised, evidence-based framework for delivering high-quality CLP services across Model 3 and Model 4 hospitals, supporting individuals who present with both physical and mental health needs.

Dr Lorcan Martin, President of the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland, commented:

"We are proud to support the introduction of this national Model of Care, which reflects strong clinical leadership and a clear commitment to advancing mental health services in hospitals. The model is the result of meaningful collaboration between clinicians, policy-makers, and service providers, all working with a shared ambition to ensure a consistently high standard of care for people with mental health needs, wherever they present in the health system. It offers a practical, consistent structure that will benefit both patients and clinical teams."

Professor Anne Doherty, from the Faculty of Liaison Psychiatry, added:

"The development of this model has been grounded in the experience of clinicians working on the front line, and the challenges patients need support with every day. It acknowledges the unique complexities of providing mental health care in hospital settings and offers a coordinated roadmap for services to evolve and improve in a sustainable way."

The College commends the collaborative development of the model between the HSE, the Emergency Medicine Programme, and the Faculty of Liaison Psychiatry. It also recognises the model's alignment with 'Sharing the Vision', Ireland's national mental health policy, and its focus on multidisciplinary teamwork, service integration, and clinical governance.

The College looks forward to supporting the implementation of this model and working with partners to ensure high-quality, compassionate care is accessible to all who need it.

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Editors' notes:

Details of Proposals

The full proposal, 'A Model of Governance and Management Structures for Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services in Ireland', is available to view here.

College of Psychiatrists of Ireland

The College of Psychiatrists of Ireland is the professional and training body for psychiatrists in Ireland and represents 1,300 professional psychiatrists (both specialists and trainees) across the country. To become a specialist doctor in psychiatry (specialist consultant psychiatrist) a doctor must complete between six to seven years of the College training programme.

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