



4th December 2019

Deputy John Curran, TD
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PQ: 47694/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical detoxification units provided directly by the HSE in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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To ask the Minister for Health the number of community based residential detoxification beds provided by the voluntary sector in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential rehabilitation beds provided in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ: 47697/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of adolescent residential detoxification beds in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ: 47698/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of drug stabilisation beds in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ: 47699/19

To ask the Minister for Health the criteria for entry into community based residential detoxification and residential rehabilitation beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Curran,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:



A count of residential beds is taken at a point in time. From the last scoping exercise of residential rehabilitation and detoxification services provided directly by the HSE or Agencies that are in receipt of funding from the HSE, the following tables outline the position:

Table 1: Medical Detoxification Units^[1]

Location	Number of Beds
Cuan Dara - Cherry Orchard Hospital	9
St. Michaels Ward, Beaumont Hospital	10
Total:	19

Table 2: Community Based Residential Detoxification

Location	Number of Beds
Cuan Mhuire Athy (Alcohol)	18
Cuan Mhuire Athy (Drugs)	6
Cuan Mhuire ,Farnanes Co. Cork (Drugs and Alcohol)	8
Cuan Mhuire Bruree Limerick (6 male Drugs, 21male Alcohol & 3 female drugs/alcohol)	30 ¹
Cuan Mhuire Coolrane, Co. Galway (Alcohol)	20
Peter Mc Verry Trust Lantern Naul Co. Dublin (Drugs)	13
Simon Community Detoxification Dublin 8 (Alcohol & Benzos)	11
Coolmine Ashleigh House, Clonee, Co. Meath (Drugs)	3
Coolmine Lodge, Blanchardstown, Dublin (Drugs)	4
MQI St. Francis Farm, Tullow, Co Carlow	10
Aiséirí, Cahir, County Tipperary (Drugs and Alcohol)	4
Total:	127

Table 3: Adolescent Community Based Residential Detoxification

Location	Number of Beds
Aislinn, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny (Drugs and Alcohol)	4
Total:	4

^[1] Note there are an additional 6.5 Stabilisation beds that can be used interchangeably depending on need for detoxification within the Medical Detoxification Units.

¹ In addition, there are 2 emergency beds that are used for observation (medical concern). These additional beds have been used for people in detox.

For the Deputy's information, new services have developed since the previous scoping exercises were completed, and some existing services have increased capacity. The HSE has commenced a scoping exercise to capture the number of facilities and current capacity of Tier 4 services, to be completed by end of Q1 2020. This will include capturing the current entry criteria for each facility.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Doyle', written over a horizontal line.

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