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Deputy Paul Donnelly  
Dáil Eireann,  
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To ask the Minister for Health the primary care centres within CHO7 that have substance abuse services specific to youths aged under 18.

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Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm that Dublin South Kildare and West Wicklow Community Healthcare area have one substance abuse service that is specific to those under 18. The Youth Drug and Alcohol Services (YoDA) is a specialised service based at Kilnamanagh Tymon Primary Care Centre Tallaght, Dublin 24. YoDA services are led by a Consultant Child and Adolescence Psychiatrist, with a team of Family Therapists and Clinical Nurse Specialists. YoDA provides comprehensive support on addiction and drug misuse to under-18s and their respective families within the community. It is planned that an Adolescent Dual Diagnosis Hub will be based in YoDA at Kilnamanagh Tymon Primary Care Centre, which will serve clients in Dublin South Kildare and West Wicklow, and provide Outreach service to clients living in Galway, Mayo, and Roscommon.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Yours sincerely,**

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