



28<sup>th</sup> March, 2024

Mr. Duncan Smith T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2

**Re: Parliamentary Question - 48168/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health for a breakdown of funding allocated to drug addiction services in County Longford in the years of 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy Smith,

Thank you for your query. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above representation, which you recently submitted. In preparing this response your representation has been discussed with the relevant Managers. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

Please find breakdown of funding allocated to Addiction services in County Longford for 2021-2023.

2021	€725,532
2022	€728,826
2023	€752,892

Services provided include the following:

<b>Over 18 Services</b>	OST (Opioid Substitution Treatment) Programme – GP clinics, Nurse led clinics & Virtual clinics Addiction Counselling Alternative Therapies Family Support Services Outreach supports In-reach supports including working in the hostels Drug & Alcohol Support workers including Needle & Syringe Exchange programme/ Safer injecting practices, Treatment supports, Education & Information Rehabilitation & Aftercare services
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	Training & Education programmes Addiction Homeless services including working with those who have an addiction and are homeless GP/Pharmacy Liaison services Tier 4 residential treatments & aftercare
<b>Under 18 Services</b>	Social Care Lead and Social Care Worker services Treatment and therapeutic supports Family Support Services Addiction Counselling Education & Information Tier 4 residential treatments & aftercare
<b>Training / Conference</b>	Putting the pieces together Cocaine training Webinars Conferences – Stigma/ Health & Wellbeing 2023 Community Reinforcement Approach (CRA) CRA Family Therapy CRA Adolescents Working within the school & Youth-reach settings Online information sessions on the effects of drugs and alcohol – for community/ voluntary and statutory agencies

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Primary Care Services  
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