



14th October 2024

Deputy Catherine Murphy, TD
Dáil Eireann
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Re: 39695/24

To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who were assessed, by addiction rehabilitation, detox and stabilization facilities in 2023 and to-date in 2024, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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

An analysis of the data provided in treatment services within the National Drugs Treatment Reporting System (NDTRS) (see information about the [NDTRS](#)) includes all cases reporting problem use of drugs or alcohol who entered treatment a publically funded service provider in the years 2023 (Table 1) and to date in 2024 (Table 2). Data on those assessed by treatment type is not readily available however all those who enter treatment have received an assessment.

For the Deputy's information, in 2023, 21,267 cases entered treatment for problem use of drugs or alcohol. Of which 2,292 received a detox intervention and 1,753 received an OAT intervention. Please note that the same case can receive both a detox and OAT so the groups aren't mutually exclusive.

Main problem substance	Received a detox intervention	Received OAT intervention	Total cases entering treatment in 2023
Alcohol	1594	7	8163
Drug	698	1746	13104
Total	2292	1753	21267



For 2024, as of October 2nd, 16,934 cases entered treatment for problem use of drugs or alcohol. Of which 1,356 received a detox intervention and 713 received an OAT intervention. Please note that data for 2024 is provisional and subject to change.

Main problem substance	Received a detox intervention	Received OAT intervention	Total cases entering treatment in 2024
Alcohol	859	0	6470
Drug	497	713	10464
Total	1356	713	16934

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

Yours sincerely,



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