



10<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Deputy Róisín Shortall  
Dáil Eireann  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2.

**Re PQ: 3932/21**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for a drug or alcohol detox bed by CHO and age category; and the breakdown by the length of time they have been waiting in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive has 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.

For the deputy's information, a number of COVID-19 related factors have impacted on waiting lists for drug and alcohol detoxification such as reduced capacity in order to comply with public health guidance, restrictions on new entries and closures due to outbreaks. Some services are using their detox facility as a transition phase for 2 weeks for all new entrants (including those accessing rehabilitation programmes), which then impacts on the detox throughput. In addition, there are difficulties carrying out face to face assessments and validating waiting lists as many of the interactions are telephone only.

The information as reported from CHOs on the numbers of persons on a waiting list for a drug or alcohol detox bed by CHO and age category; and the breakdown by the length of time they have been waiting is outlined in the attached table:

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'.

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Joseph Doyle  
National Planning Specialist





**Table: Numbers of persons on a waiting list for a drug or alcohol detox bed by CHO area and age category; and the breakdown by the length of time**

CHO AREA Service Provider is located	Service Provider	Total Number per CHO of Persons on waiting list for a drug or alcohol detox bed	Breakdown of the total number	Persons Age Under 18	Persons Age 18-24	Persons Age 25-30	Persons Age 30+	Length of time they have been waiting
2	Cuan Mhuire, Coolraine	Less than 10		0	Less than 10	0	0	2 months
3	Cuan Mhuire, Bruree	1,853 telephone contacts (Note this is the total number of people waiting access to both detox and rehab. With COVID restrictions, all new entrants are required to use the detox facility for 2 weeks prior to residential treatment).	149	0	51	53	45	1-3 months
			162	0	62	59	41	3-6 months
			127	0	48	45	34	6-9 months
			1,415	0	453	552	410	9 months +
4	Cuan Mhuire Farnanes	Less than 10		0	0	Less than 10	Less than 10	1 week - 2 months
5	St Francis Farm	102		0	Less than 10	Less than 10	90	1 week - 24 months
	Aislinn	Less than 10		Less than 10	Less than 10	0	0	6-8 weeks

	Aiseiri, Cahir	Less than 10		0	0	0	Less than 10	1-6 weeks
7	Cuan Dara - Females	Less than 10		0	0	0	Less than 10	2-6 weeks
	Cuan Dara - Males	23		0	0	0	23	2-6 weeks
	Cuan Mhuire Athy - Alcohol & Gambling	1,269 telephone contacts (Note this is the total number of people waiting access to both detox and rehab. With COVID restrictions, all new entrants are required to use the detox facility for 2 weeks prior to residential treatment).	185	0	16	49	120	1-3 months
			228	0	19	53	156	3-6 months
			198	0	17	53	128	6-9 months
			658	0	61	196	401	9-12 months
	Cuan Mhuire Athy - Drugs	247		0	Less than 10	16	12	1-3 months
				0	Less than 10	21	12	3-6 months
				0	Less than 10	16	14	6-9 months
				0	29	64	45	9-12 months
9	Coolmine	88	24	0	0	0	24	1 week - 10 months
	Peter McVerry		64	0	0	0	64	1-3 weeks