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To ask the Minister for Health the number of needle exchange facilities, by type and county, in tabular form

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive has been advised to reply directly to you in response to the above parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for your response.

As we have provided the information by type and county, as per your request, it is important to note that the areas asterisked re: Mobile Outreach, are a demand led service, where an outreach worker may cover two counties under their remit. For example, Cork and Kerry have two outreach workers who provide a needle exchange facility, they both work between Cork and Kerry as per service user demand, and have been marked down as '2' facilities in each county considering this.

I can confirm that Table 1 also includes Pharmacy Needle Exchange Programmes, and they are included as a 'Fixed' site.

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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Table 1 - number of needle exchange facilities, by type and county, in tabular form

CHO	County	Type of Service	Amount
1	Cavan	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	3
	Monaghan	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	2
	Donegal	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	2
	Sligo	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	1
	Leitrim	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	1
2	Galway	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	10
	Mayo	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	3
	Roscommon	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	3
3	Clare	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	4
	Limerick (inc East)	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	8
	North Tipp	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	6
4	Kerry	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	8
	Cork (inc all areas)	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	13
5	Carlow	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	5
	Kilkenny	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	4
	South Tipperary	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	6
	Waterford	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	5
	Wexford	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	7
6	Dublin (South East/South/Dun Laoghaire)	Mobile/Outreach*	2
	Wicklow	Mobile/Outreach*	1
7	Dublin (South City/Central/South West/West)	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	9
	Kildare	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	2
	Wicklow (West)	Mobile/Outreach*	1
8	Laois	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	6
	Offaly	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	6
	Longford	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	3
	Westmeath	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	5
	Louth	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	10
	Meath	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	4
9	Dublin (North/North Central/North West)	Mobile/Outreach* & Fixed	10
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