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To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons to contact the HSE for assistance with problem gambling by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above parliamentary query which you have submitted. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

The analysis from the Health Research Boards National Drug Treatment Reporting System includes all cases reporting problem gambling which were assessed or commenced treatment at a publically funded service provider in the years 2022 and 2023 (Table 1). It does not include cases that were assessed or commenced treatment privately or in services funded by the gambling industry. Gambling may have been either a main problem or an additional problem. County refers to the county in which the case resided.

Table 1: NDTRS cases reporting problem gambling use, assessed or treated at a publically funded service provider, 2022 and 2023.

County of residence	Year assessed or treated	
	2022	2023
Cork	54	64
Clare	9	11
Cavan	6	6
Carlow	7	8
Dublin	101	148
Donegal	22	28
Galway	14	14
Kildare	16	23
Kilkenny	6	7
Kerry	12	20
Limerick	22	33
Longford	<5	5
Louth	7	9
Leitrim	<5	0
Laois	5	11
Meath	12	19
Monaghan	7	<5
Mayo	<5	8
Offaly	5	8
Roscommon	6	<5



Sligo	<5	<5
Tipperary	21	22
Waterford	<5	10
Westmeath	6	5
Wicklow	8	16
Wexford	17	21
Outside Ireland	7	9
Total	383	515

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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