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**To ask the Minister for Health the current cost of a 10% expenditure increase in rehabilitation and detoxification residential treatment; the number of sessions this relates to and the number of spaces required; the current cost of 100 additional places and the number of sessions this would provide, for each; and any associated capital costs.**

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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:

The cost of providing a treatment episode differs across service providers. HSE Service Level Agreement Holders agree specific rates with each service provider based on their individual results from the Unit Cost Analysis study conducted in 2023 and funding available.

The cost of detoxification residential treatment differs to the cost of rehabilitation residential treatment in terms of clinical input and complexity, as well as length of treatment. However, based on detoxification and rehabilitation episodes currently being purchased for adults and adolescents, a very broad calculation could show a 10% increase in funding equating to an additional 35 treatment episodes. Based on this, 100 additional places would be in the region of €1m. Note that demand and capacity constraints should be considered here.

Estimates of capital costs are not currently available.

Yours sincerely,

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