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PQ 33812/24

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who contacted the HSE's drug and alcohol helpline in each of the past ten years and to date in 2024, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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.

The table below sets out the number of call and emails to the HSE Drugs and Alcohol Helpline from 2013 (full year) to 2024 (from Jan 1st 2024 – August 28th 2024):

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
All Addiction contacts	1665	1503	1862	1807	2038	3515	4588	4410	4402	4777	5735	4116

Increases in the number of contacts over the past ten years plus may be in part due to the increased promotion and awareness of the Helpline over this period.

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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