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* To ask the Minister for Health and Children the number of medical detox beds available for rehabilitating drug addicts; the location of these beds; the cost of each bed; the waiting time to access one of these beds; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ No: 7421/10

* To ask the Minister for Health and Children the number of beds available for drug detox in community based residential detox units; the location of these beds; the cost of each bed; the number of persons on a waiting list for admission to this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Byrne,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health and Children for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

As of December '09 there was a total of thirty six (36) beds available for medical and community drug addiction detoxification and seventy six (76) beds available for community alcohol addiction detoxification. The table below identifies the location, number of beds and the type of detoxification service provided and average waiting times:

Service Type	Location	Number of Beds	Average Waiting Time
Medical Detoxification	Cuan Dara, Cherry Orchard Hospital, Dublin.	9 – 13 (depending on the need for stabilisation beds)	4 months
	St Michael's Ward, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin.	10	3/ 4 weeks
Community Based Residential Drug Detoxification Units	Lantern (Arrupe Society), Dublin.	7	5/ 6 weeks
	Cuan Mhuire, Our Lady's Unit, Athy.	6	5 - 10 days
Community Based Residential Alcohol Detoxification Units	Cuan Mhuire, Our Lady's Unit, Athy.	16	1 week
	Cuan Mhuire, Bruree, Co. Limerick.	28	3 days
	Cuan Mhuire, Coolarne, Co. Galway.	21	3 days
	Simon Community, Dublin.	11	1 month

At present funding for residential rehabilitation services is not provided generally on a bed night rate, rather the service and HSE agree an annual allocation which combines with other funding received by the service to form its funding base. HSE are working at present with the residential rehabilitation sector to agree a bed night rate and an annual quantum of service for each facility.

For the deputy's information the 'average bed night rate' for a bed in Cuan Dara was €339.42 and €508 for St. Michaels Ward in Beaumont Hospital in 2008.

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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