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* To ask the Minister for Health and Children the treatment services in place for cocaine users; the number of cocaine treatment clinics operating here; if new treatment projects and clinics will open in 2010; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

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Dear Deputy Byrne,

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

Cocaine interventions utilise a variety of cognitive based skills and are being provided as an integral part of the existing HSE addiction treatment services. As Cocaine is generally taken in a polydrug context, services to Cocaine users are provided as part of mainstream addiction services. Addiction service staff also receive training on specific Cocaine interventions.

A stand alone Cocaine Clinic was piloted in Galway in 2007 for cocaine users only. However the demand wasn't sufficient to maintain it as a Cocaine stand alone facility. It was later converted to a general Addiction treatment Clinic.

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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