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PQ 32556/14

* To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide in tabular form the number of persons who sought drug treatment and rehabilitation services broken down by county or local health area for each of the past five years and to date in 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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* To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who accessed drug treatment and rehabilitation services broken down by county or local health area for each of the past five years and to date in 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kelleher,

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 for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Between 2008 and 2012 there were 44,345 cases assessed for drug treatment recorded in the National Drug Treatment Reporting System (NDTRS) (Table 1). Table 2 sets out cases assessed by county of residence between 2008 and 2012. Data for 2013 and 2014 is not yet available. For the purpose of the NDTRS, treatment is broadly defined as 'any activity which aims to ameliorate the psychological, medical or social state of individuals who seek help for their substance misuse problems'. Clients who attend needle-exchange services are not included in this reporting system.

Table 1: Number of cases assessed for drug treatment between 2008 and 2012
(NDTRS, unpublished data)

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
8457	8786	10548	9916	9749

Table 2: Number of cases assessed for drug treatment between 2008 and 2012 by county of residence (NDTRS, unpublished data)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Cork	1042	1193	1642	1613	1430
Clare	77	92	130	100	85
Cavan	103	86	85	69	127
Carlow	96	180	207	183	186
Dublin	3719	3460	3719	3604	3385
Donegal	220	194	201	164	172
Galway	296	271	360	309	325
Kildare	197	200	327	317	422

Kilkenny	139	135	151	158	190
Kerry	234	216	423	384	302
Longford	43	43	53	62	79
Louth	168	170	206	217	291
Limerick	390	469	539	440	266
Leitrim	15	32	43	28	21
Laois	66	55	91	118	140
Meath	235	235	214	131	186
Monaghan	13	5	16	42	53
Mayo	81	93	109	87	71
Offaly	77	45	79	104	99
Roscommon	65	67	87	66	74
Sligo	102	88	171	82	90
Tipperary	277	385	423	458	472
Waterford	229	309	436	384	424
Westmeath	83	147	147	191	173
Wicklow	180	179	181	177	197
Wexford	271	395	430	391	432
Other/unknown	39	42	78	36	56

There are many reasons why a case, once assessed, does not go on to receive treatment. For example (in no particular order): unsuitable for drug treatment, placed on a waiting list, transferred to another drug treatment site, did not fulfil admission criteria or did not wish to take up the place.

Between 2008 and 2012 36,083 cases entered drug treatment as recorded in the NDTRS (Table 3). Data for 2013 and 2014 is not yet available. Table 4 sets out cases receiving drug treatment by county of residence between 2008 and 2012. Data for 2013 and 2014 is not yet available. Tables 5 – 9 identify the treatment status of these cases and classify them as: “New Cases”, “Previously Treated Cases”, or “Status Unknown”

New cases treated – describes individuals who have never been treated for problem drug use;

Previously treated cases – describes individuals who were treated previously for problem drug use at any treatment centre and have returned to treatment in the reporting year; and

Status unknown – describes individuals whose status with respect to previous treatment for problem drug use is not known.

Note, in the case of the data for ‘previously treated cases’, there is a possibility that individuals appear more than once in the database: for example, where a person receives treatment at more than one centre or at the same centre more than once per year.

Table 3: Number of cases receiving drug treatment between 2008 and 2012 (NDTRS, unpublished data)

2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
6576	6668	7876	7600	7363

Table 4: Number of cases receiving drug treatment between 2008 and 2012 by county of residence (NDTRS, unpublished data)

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Cork	556	687	958	1018	875

Clare	56	58	75	51	57
Cavan	96	73	70	48	68
Carlow	80	156	184	163	162
Dublin	3245	3039	3116	3048	2746
Donegal	71	85	73	73	78
Galway	275	218	291	246	248
Kildare	173	147	274	275	336
Kilkenny	114	108	135	129	160
Kerry	73	122	286	261	205
Longford	42	39	50	53	62
Louth	146	148	178	186	252
Limerick	269	221	299	249	181
Leitrim	5	11	9	11	11
Laois	53	44	64	108	123
Meath	196	202	178	107	146
Monaghan	11	Less than 5	13	33	21
Mayo	70	64	69	57	47
Offaly	64	36	55	89	77
Roscommon	59	49	70	53	63
Sligo	73	51	78	57	66
Tipperary	202	267	305	345	368
Waterford	183	256	383	340	389
Westmeath	76	130	130	163	155
Wicklow	141	144	139	151	133
Wexford	213	281	332	262	293
Other/unknown	34	28	62	24	41

Table 5: Treatment Status of cases receiving drug treatment in 2012 by county of residence (NDTRS, unpublished data)

Treatment Status 2012	New Cases	Previously Treated Cases	Treatment status unknown	Totals
Cork	413	452	10	556
Clare	29	26	Less than 5	56
Cavan	32	36	0	96
Carlow	78	82	Less than 5	80
Dublin	822	1843	81	3245
Donegal	52	25	Less than 5	71
Galway	93	155	0	275
Kildare	148	178	10	173
Kilkenny	44	113	Less than 5	114
Kerry	80	122	Less than 5	73
Longford	27	35	0	42

Louth	144	101	7	146
Limerick	92	85	Less than 5	269
Leitrim	6	Less than 5	Less than 5	5
Laois	71	46	6	53
Meath	60	80	6	196
Monaghan	12	9	0	11
Mayo	31	16	0	70
Offaly	49	27	Less than 5	64
Roscommon	28	35	0	59
Sligo	42	19	5	73
Tipperary	200	167	Less than 5	202
Waterford	156	228	5	183
Westmeath	69	83	Less than 5	76
Wicklow	63	64	6	141
Wexford	152	135	6	213
Other/unknown	15	19	Less than 5	34

Table 6: Treatment Status of cases receiving drug treatment in 2011 by county of residence (NDTRS)

Treatment Status 2011	New Cases	Previously Treated Cases	Treatment status unknown	Totals
Cork	486	552	10	1018
Clare	33	18	0	51
Cavan	18	24	6	48
Carlow	84	77	Less than 5	163
Dublin	785	2196	67	3048
Donegal	53	19	Less than 5	73
Galway	121	125	0	246
Kildare	117	142	16	275
Kilkenny	61	68	0	129
Kerry	102	158	Less than 5	261
Longford	19	32	Less than 5	53
Louth	109	66	11	186
Limerick	125	120	Less than 5	249
Leitrim	5	6	0	11
Laois	62	43	Less than 5	108
Meath	63	41	Less than 5	107
Monaghan	21	11	Less than 5	33

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Mayo	27	30	0	57
Offaly	55	33	Less than 5	89
Roscommon	19	34	0	53
Sligo	41	15	Less than 5	57
Tipperary	189	155	Less than 5	345
Waterford	133	198	9	340
Westmeath	65	93	5	163
Wicklow	56	87	8	151
Wexford	125	130	7	262
Other/unknown	Less than 5	19	Less than 5	24

Table 7: Treatment Status of cases receiving drug treatment in 2010 by county of residence (NDTRS)

Treatment Status 2010	New Cases	Previously Treated Cases	Treatment status unknown	Totals
Cork	499	443	16	958
Clare	49	26	0	75
Cavan	33	34	Less than 5	70
Carlow	98	79	7	184
Dublin	830	2206	80	3116
Donegal	49	22	Less than 5	73
Galway	148	139	Less than 5	291
Kildare	121	146	7	274
Kilkenny	62	69	Less than 5	135
Kerry	161	121	Less than 5	286
Longford	22	27	Less than 5	50
Louth	89	72	17	178
Limerick	154	140	5	299
Leitrim	7	Less than 5	0	9
Laois	36	28	0	64
Meath	66	107	5	178
Monaghan	~	9	0	13
Mayo	24	45	0	69
Offaly	35	20	0	55
Roscommon	28	42	0	70
Sligo	50	27	Less than 5	78
Tipperary	195	104	6	305

Waterford	177	205	Less than 5	383
Westmeath	48	79	Less than 5	130
Wicklow	51	79	9	139
Wexford	212	117	Less than 5	332
Other/unknown	22	34	6	62

Table 8: Treatment Status of cases receiving drug treatment in 2009 by county of residence (NDTRS)

Treatment Status 2009	New Cases	Previously Treated Cases	Treatment status unknown	Totals
Cork	399	280	8	687
Clare	33	25	0	58
Cavan	39	33	Less than 5	73
Carlow	84	71	Less than 5	156
Dublin	975	1994	70	3039
Donegal	61	24	0	85
Galway	106	110	Less than 5	218
Kildare	61	77	9	147
Kilkenny	46	60	Less than 5	108
Kerry	73	48	Less than 5	122
Longford	23	16	0	39
Louth	72	68	8	148
Limerick	106	113	Less than 5	221
Leitrim	5	Less than 5	Less than 5	11
Laois	32	11	Less than 5	44
Meath	93	102	7	202
Monaghan	Less than 5	Less than 5	0	Less than 5
Mayo	28	36	0	64
Offaly	25	11	0	36
Roscommon	21	27	Less than 5	49
Sligo	32	18	Less than 5	51
Tipperary	191	75	Less than 5	267
Waterford	141	110	5	256
Westmeath	56	74	0	130
Wicklow	61	76	7	144
Wexford	192	87	Less than 5	281

Other/unknown	12	15	Less than 5	28
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Table 9: Treatment Status of cases receiving drug treatment in 2008 by county of residence (NDTRS)

Treatment Status 2008	New Cases	Previously Treated Cases	Treatment status unknown	Totals
Cork	309	235	12	556
Clare	37	18	Less than 5	56
Cavan	57	39	0	96
Carlow	42	36	Less than 5	80
Dublin	918	2241	86	3245
Donegal	47	22	Less than 5	71
Galway	144	128	Less than 5	275
Kildare	72	89	12	173
Kilkenny	56	56	Less than 5	114
Kerry	50	22	Less than 5	73
Longford	25	16	Less than 5	42
Louth	91	50	5	146
Limerick	134	128	7	269
Leitrim	Less than 5	0	Less than 5	5
Laois	38	11	Less than 5	53
Meath	106	86	Less than 5	196
Monaghan	10	Less than 5	0	11
Mayo	23	47	0	70
Offaly	43	18	Less than 5	64
Roscommon	23	36	0	59
Sligo	45	27	Less than 5	73
Tipperary	130	70	Less than 5	202
Waterford	96	86	Less than 5	183
Westmeath	35	37	Less than 5	76
Wicklow	48	90	Less than 5	141
Wexford	117	95	Less than 5	213
Other/unknown	16	18	Less than 5	34

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a prominent "D".

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