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To ask the Minister for Health the number of addiction counsellors employed by the Health Service Executive drug treatment service in 2006; the area they operated from; the geographical areas they covered; the number of persons allocated to each counsellor; and same for the period 2014 to 2015.

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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

The table on the attached page sets out the number of addiction counsellors employed by the HSE's Drug Treatment & Mental Health Services in 2006 and in 2014/2015; the Areas they operate from and geographical areas they cover. The information on the number of persons allocated to each counsellor for 2014/2015 is not readily available.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Doyle,

National Planning Specialist

No. of		Geographical Area	No. of		Geographical Area
Counsellors	Area operated From	covered.	Counsellors	Area operated From	covered.
2006			2014 to 2015		
24	Dublin South West/Kildare/ West Wicklow, Dun- Laoghaire & Bray, Arklow & Wicklow	Dublin South West /Kildare/ Wicklow. East Coast Area	14	Dublin South West/Kildare/ West Wicklow, Dun-Laoghaire & Bray, Arklow & Wicklow	Dublin South West/Kildare/ Wicklow. East Coast Area
13	Dublin North-East	Louth/Meath/Cavan- Monaghan	11	Dublin North-East	Louth/Meath/Cavan- Monaghan
30	Dublin North-East	Dublin North/North East	20	Dublin North-East	Dublin North/North-East
9	West (Galway)	Galway City & County/Roscommon/May o	9	West (Galway)	Galway City & County/Roscommon/Mayo
5	Mid-West	Limerick/Clare/ North Tipperary	4	Mid-West	Limerick/Clare/ North Tipperary
6	North West	Sligo/Leitrim/Sth Donegal/West Cavan	7	North West	Sligo/ Leitrim/West Cavan/Sth Donegal
14	Arbour House & Church St. Cork	Cork City & County	12.5	Arbour House & Church St. Cork	Cork City & County
4	Edward Court, Tralee	Co. Kerry	3	Edward Court, Tralee	Co. Kerry
18	New Ross, Kilkenny, Clonmel	Waterford, Wexford, Kilkenny, South Tipperary	15	New Ross, Carlow, Kilkenny, Clonmel	Waterford City, Wexford, South Tipperary, Carlow, Kilkenny
5	Portlaoise	Laois/Offaly	4	Portlaoise	Laois/Offaly
9	Letterkenny/Dunloe/ Stranolar	Donegal	6	Letterkenny/Dunloe/ Stranolar	Donegal
			2.8	National Drug Treatment Centre	National