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* To ask the Minister for Health the number of drug free short-term beds available to homeless and recovering addicts in each of the four Dublin local authorities; the number of detox beds available; the location of the drug free units and detox beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Costello,

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 of drug free short-term beds available to homeless and recovering addicts and of detoxification beds provided/ funded by the HSE.

Following a review of all services funded under section 10 of the 1988 Housing Act and Section 38/ 39 of the Health Acts in respect of homelessness at the end of 2014, the following is identified as services and supports to be provided under these funding streams and in accordance with both the National Drug Strategy and Homeless Policy Statement.

Table 1 illustrates accommodation which promotes and facilitates recovery for homeless people that exit residential treatment and/ or rehabilitation.

Table 1.

A. Services in category 'A' are placed by the Local Authority Placement Service on the basis of agreed protocols.	Provider	Location	Number of Beds
	Teach Mhuire	Gardiner Street	55
	Peter Mc Very Trust	St. Catherine's Foyer	38
	Focus Ireland (Important note: Focus Ireland are currently reconfiguring Stanhope Green which in 2015, will provide 19 stepdown units in this category, 9 of which will be ring-fenced for prison discharge)	Clonmore Villas	4
	Subtotal		97 (*rising to

			<i>116 in 2015)</i>
B. Services in Category 'B' are available to Homeless Households on the basis of referral directly with the organisation listed.	Provider	Location	Number of Beds
	Peter Mc Verry Trust	The Willows	9
		Baldoyle	4
		Balbriggan	4
	Merchants Quay Ireland	Hyde Park	13
		Leixlip	6
		Ballymount	4 (Group Home)
	Daisyhouse	Dublin 8	8
<i>Subtotal</i>			48
GRAND TOTAL			145 (*rising to 164 in 2015)

The following tables identify the number and location of current residential detoxification provision:

Medical Detoxification Units¹

Location	Number of Beds
Cuan Dara - Cherry Orchard Hospital	9
St. Michaels Ward, Beaumont Hospital	7.5

Community Based Residential Detoxification

Location	Number of Beds
Cuan Mhuire Athy Alcohol Detoxification	19
Cuan Mhuire Athy - Our Lady's Drug Unit	6
Cuan Mhuire Fernannes Co. Cork	8
Cuan Mhuire Bruree Limerick	28
Cuan Mhuire Coolraine, Co. Galway	21
Peter Mc Verry Trust Lantern Naul Co. Dublin	7
Simon Community Detoxification Dublin 8	11
Coolmine Ashleigh House	2/3
Coolmine Lodge	4
MQI St. Francis Farm, Tullow. Co. Carlow	10
Total:	117

Adolescent Residential Detoxification

Location	Number of Beds
Aislinn Ballyragget Co. Kilkenny	4

¹ Note there are 6.5 Stabilisation beds that can be used interchangeably depending on need for detoxification within the Medical Detoxification Units

Total:

4

I trust this information is of assistance. If you require any further information please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Doyle', written in a cursive style.

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