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PQ 13586/15

* To ask the Minister for Health the number and geographical areas of addiction counsellors employed by the Health Service Executive to provide a service provision to cannabis abusers.

Dear Deputy Ó Caoláin,

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:

As per the responses to your Parliamentary Questions 13582/15, 13584/15 and 13585/15, all Addiction Counsellors include cannabis in their remit and the below table identifies the number of counsellors and the geographical areas covered.

Number of Counsellors Employed	CHO Areas covered
15.5	Area 1 Covering Donegal, Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan and Cavan/Monaghan
9	Area 2 Covering Galway, Roscommon and Mayo
4	Area 3 Covering Clare, Limerick, and North Tipperary/East Limerick.
15.5	Area 4 Covering Kerry, North Cork, North Lee, South Lee, and West Cork.
14	Area 5 Covering South Tipperary, Carlow/Kilkenny, Waterford and Wexford
24	Areas 6 Covering Wicklow, Dun Laoghaire and Dublin South East and Area 7 Covering Kildare/West Wicklow, Dublin West, Dublin South City, and Dublin South West
19	Area 8 Covering Laois/Offaly, Longford/Westmeath, Louth and Meath
20.	Area 9 Covering Dublin North, Dublin North Central and Dublin North West
1.8.	Other: National Drug Treatment Centre

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