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Mr Brendan Smith T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: PQ 12037/16

*** To ask the Minister for Health if additional funding will be allocated to the Health Service Executive North East to enable a much better provision of drug awareness and drug prevention services to be provided in Cavan/Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

- Brendan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith

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.

At present HSE Cavan & Monaghan employs one full time Primary Care Addiction Counsellor and has Grant Aid Agreements in place with the following organisations.

Cavan & Monaghan Drug Awareness Trust receive €213,000.00 funding to provide a range of services including prevention and education, treatment and rehabilitation and co-ordination of the methadone programme.

Cuan Mhuire Teoranta (Ballybay) receives €93,369.00 for the provision of transition residential programme, community counselling for people suffering with addictions, family members and others affected by addiction. It also facilitates weekly meetings of support groups e.g. AA. Al Non, Gam Anon and after care support.

We are currently undertaking a review of existing Drugs and Alcohol services in the two counties to inform the future service needs to be considered as part of the 2017 Estimates process.

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

Le dea-mhéin

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

John Hayes
Priomhoifigeach
Chief Officer, CHO 1