23rd June, 2016

Deputy Thomas P. Broughan
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PQ 16129/16

To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the number of inpatient unit detoxification beds and the number of adolescent residential detoxification beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Broughan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your 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 number of residential beds has increased significantly since 2007, largely due to the increased provision of beds in community based residential facilities. The most recent figures available (including private provision) estimate current provision at 787 residential beds, comprising 23 inpatient unit detoxification beds, 117 community-based residential detoxification beds, 4 adolescent residential detoxification beds, 625 residential rehabilitation beds and 18 adolescent residential rehabilitation beds.

The HSE is submitting a business case for additional treatment episodes in the estimates process for 2017.

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

Yours sincerely,

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