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**PQ 41000/17**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of addiction counsellors employed by the HSE drug treatment service in 2007; the number of addiction counsellors employed by the HSE in the first half of 2017; the number of counsellors employed in the community and voluntary sectors in 2007; and number employed in 2017, by county.

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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.

Data on addiction counsellors employed by the HSE drug treatment service and the community and voluntary sectors in 2007 is not readily available. Notwithstanding this, the following table sets out:

- Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) HSE Addiction Service Counsellors in 2006 and September 2017,
- WTE Addiction Counsellors in the Community and Voluntary Sectors in September 2017.

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'.

Joseph Doyle  
National Planning Specialist

Area operated From	Geographical Area covered.	Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) Addiction Counsellors HSE		WTE Addiction Counsellors in Community and Voluntary Sectors
		2006	As at September 2017	As at September 2017
Dublin South West/Kildare/ West Wicklow, Dun-Laoghaire & Bray, Arklow & Wicklow	Dublin South West /Kildare/ Wicklow. East Coast Area	36	18.5	17.8
Dublin North-East	Louth/Meath/Cavan-Monaghan	13	5	3
Dublin North-East	Dublin North/North East	30	13.4	28.3
West (Galway)	Galway City & County/Roscommon/Mayo	9	9	1
Mid-West	Limerick/Clare/ North Tipperary	5	2.5	5
North West	Sligo/Leitrim/Donegal/West Cavan/Monaghan	15	17	8
Arbour House & Church St. Cork	Cork City & County	14	21.35	20
Edward Court, Tralee	Co. Kerry	4	7	8
New Ross, Kilkenny, Clonmel	Waterford, Wexford, Kilkenny, South Tipperary	18	20	22
Portlaoise	Laois/Offaly	5	5	5
Long/Mull & Athlone	Longford/Westmeath	6	7	7
National Drug Treatment Centre	National	N/A	2.8	N/A
<b>Total</b>		<b>155</b>	<b>128.55</b>	<b>125.1</b>