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PQ 53874/17

* To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time from referral to assessment for opioid substitution treatment.

Dear Deputy Kelleher,

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 below table identifies the total number of patients and the average waiting time from referral to assessment for Opioid Substitution Treatment per CHO area and the National GP Coordinator during the month of October 2017.

May 2017	CHO	Total Patients during period	AWT in Days
Average waiting time from referral to assessment for Opioid Substitution Treatment	1	<10	3.6
	2	12	11.5
	3	31	0.0
	4	13	23.2
	5	20	12.2
	6	<10	0.6
	7	158	1.6
	8	51	10.9
	9	150	2.9
	National GP Coordinator	<10	7.5
	National Total	455	2.8

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 stylized 'D'.

Joseph Doyle
National Planning Specialist