

20th Februrary 2026
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PQ 14862/26

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who contacted the HSE's drug and alcohol helpline in each of the past ten years and to date in 2026, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

The Health Service Executive have been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The table below sets out the number of calls and emails to the HSE Drugs and Alcohol Helpline from 2015 – 2025:

Year	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
No. of Substance use/ addiction calls and emails	1862	1807	2037	3534	4809	4452	4444	4867	5817	6216	5837

In January 2026 the Helpline received 564 contacts. Increases in the number of contacts over the past ten years may be partly due to the increased promotion and awareness of the Helpline during this period.

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

Yours sincerely,

Prof Eamon Keenan
National Clinical Lead for HSE Addiction Services