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**To ask the Minister for Health the number of people awaiting residential treatment for drug addiction and alcohol addiction across the State, broken down by CHO region, in tabular form.**

Dear Deputy Graves,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

While data relating to the current number of people awaiting residential drug and alcohol treatment by HSE Region is not readily available, an analysis of data relating to people who entered residential treatment in 2024 (the most recent year available) can provide information the length of time between assessment and entry to treatment.

An analysis of the data provided in treatment services within the National Drugs Treatment Reporting System (NDTRS) (see information about the [NDTRS](#)) includes all treatment cases at inpatient (residential) service providers reporting drugs or alcohol as a main problem which were assessed and treated at publicly funded service providers in the year 2024 and where reported to the NDTRS. Length of time is measured as the difference between when a case was assessed and when the case was treated where both data points were available. The number of cases treated are summarised by time-period in Table 1.

Of 4,489 cases treated in residential services, data was available for 4,488 cases. The average time between assessment and treatment was 16.5 days. The median time was 2 days.

**Table 1: Number of cases by time from assessment to treatment for problem drug or alcohol use in residential services, NDTRS 2024:**



<b>Time period between assessment and treatment</b>	<b>Number of cases</b>
7 days or less	2870
8 – 28 days	920
1 -2 months	339
2- 6 months	305
More than 6 months	54

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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