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\* To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the funding allocation in 2017 for the North East Drugs Taskforce in view of the increase in the number of persons accessing services that are funded through the Taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smith,

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 global allocation for HSE projects through the North East Regional Drug and Alcohol Task Force (NERDATF) for 2017 remains unchanged from 2016 at €927,813 as no additional funding was provided for this area through the estimates process to the HSE.

For the Deputy's information the allocation of an additional €3 million to support drugs initiatives will help improve access to drug treatment services across the NERDTF area in particular for those under 18, those requiring Opioid Substitute Treatment and those requiring residential treatment.

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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