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**PQ 35972/17**

\* To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time from referral to assessment for opioid substitution treatment by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Broughan,

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 in days for Opioid Substitution Treatment per CHO area and the National GP Coordinator during the month of May 2017. Note there was a non-return for CHO 1.

May 2017	CHO	Total Patients during period	AWT in Days
Average waiting time from referral to assessment for Opioid Substitution Treatment	1	Non return	
	2	<10	0.2
	3	40	0.0
	4	24	18.9
	5	28	9.4
	6	<10	4.0
	7	195	0.1
	8	48	5.4
	9	100	13.0
	National GP Coordinator	<10	6.6
	<b>National Total</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>2.6</b>

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', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Joseph Doyle  
National Planning Specialist