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* To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding and services available in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath for young persons that use drugs and are addicted to drugs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smyth,

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 financial system within the HSE is designed to support the delivery of integrated services at local level and does not currently support reporting by care group other than at a national level. Therefore it is not possible to identify all of the elements of the funding specifically providing under 18 interventions.

However, for the Deputy's information, the counties fall within two Community Health Organisations (CHOs).

The following table sets out the expenditure attributed to Addiction Services within Social Inclusion in both CHOs and is inclusive of funding provided to a number of voluntary service providers who treat drug and alcohol addictions under section 39:

	2017 Allocation HSE Addiction services (Excluding PCRS)	2017 Allocation Section 39 (Excluding DATF)
CHO 1	1,627,591	743,167
CHO 8	2,925,655	408,562

In addition under Drug and Alcohol Task Force Section 39 funding of a further €927,813 was allocated to Task Force recommended projects within the North East Regional Drug Task Force Area (covering Cavan, Monaghan, Louth and Meath).

Specific services that respond to under 18s are the following:

CHO 1 Cavan Monaghan

An outreach drug awareness service is being provided by Cavan Drug Awareness, which is a HSE DATF funded service (annual funding of €213,000). Following an identified need for a specialist under 18 treatment service in Cavan Monaghan, funding was transferred in May 2017 to provide for the recruitment of a Clinical Nurse Specialist and a Counsellor (annual funding of €130,000). These positions will complement the staff across CHO 1 to form a comprehensive Tier 3 addiction team for under 18s. The recruitment of the Addiction Counsellor for Cavan/Monaghan has commenced and governance arrangements for the Clinical Nurse Specialist for CHO1 are being finalised.

CHO 8 Louth Meath

A Clinical Nurse Specialist delivers the substance misuse service for under 18 year olds and an under 18s Substance Abuse Counsellor is in post since August 2016 (annual funding of €129,795). The programme to be developed is based on Yoda and SASSY.

The HSE also refers to Aislinn, Ballyragget, Co Kilkenny Tier 4 service and the young people's programme in the National Drug Treatment Centre for more intense psycho-social supports when required.

In addition, the HSE works in partnership with statutory and HSE funded youth services and schools with a view to ensuring that the needs of young people are catered for within existing resources.

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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