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* To ask the Minister for Health the way in which and the locations in which the additional €3 million allocated to drugs services is being spent in 2017.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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:

Under the HSE's Primary Care Operational Plan commitments for 2017 (Pages 21/22) (<http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/serviceplans/Service-Plan-2017/Operational-Plans-2017/Primary-Care-Division-Operational-Plan-2017.pdf>), €3m funding was prioritised as follows:

- a) Establishment of a pilot supervised injecting facility in Dublin city centre in 2017 (€0.75m)

The legislation was passed in May 2017. A procurement process was undertaken by the HSE to identify an appropriate service provider. Closing date for receipt of tenders was 25th September 2017. The tenders will be reviewed and evaluated. An Award of Contract will be made to a successful tenderer following appropriate approval and processes. A Service Level Agreement will be drafted and agreed between HSE and the successful tenderer. The successful tenderer will then fit out the site, recruit staff and open the facility. As per the tender documentation, the location of the facility will be in the Dublin inner City Centre area.

- b) 750k was allocated to the HSE in 2017 for the increased access to buprenorphine/naloxone and buprenorphine products.

Legislation drafting is at an advanced stage, negotiations with the manufacturers of the product is nearing completion in relation to pricing. Training of doctors is being progressed and it is anticipated that the product will be purchased and commence roll out nationally in Quarter 4 2017.

c) Improve access to addiction treatment services for under 18s (€0.75m)

Following an addiction staff scoping exercise (Social Inclusion), current under 18 service provision and review of under 18 tier 4 provision additional funding has been approved to purchase additional treatment episodes for under-18 residential treatment and for the employment of 4 Clinical Nurse Specialists and 2 Young Persons Counsellors to complement the CHO multi-disciplinary Tier 3 addiction teams for under-18s in CHO 1, 2, 3, 6.

d) Provision of additional treatment episodes (€0.75m)

Following a Unit Cost review of Tier 4 Residential Treatment Services an additional 103 Treatment episodes are currently being negotiated/ purchased nationally.

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', written in a cursive style.

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