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* To ask the Minister for Health the number of drug and alcohol detox beds; the location of each; if they are public or private beds; the number that are for alcohol detox, drug detox or drug and alcohol detox; the waiting list for each category at each location, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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:

The number of residential beds has increased significantly since 2007, largely due to the increased provision of beds in community based residential facilities. The most recent figures available (including private provision) estimate the current provision nationally at 148 detoxification beds. The figure of 148 detoxification beds is made up of 19 inpatient unit detoxification beds, 125 community based residential detoxification beds and 4 adolescent residential detoxification beds.

The below tables identify the number, location and type of detoxification beds available and their average waiting time.

Number of Detoxification Beds by type and location 2017
Medical Detoxification Units^[1]

<i>Location</i>	<i>Number of Beds</i>	<i>Current Average Waiting Time</i>
	2017	
Cuan Dara - Cherry Orchard Hospital	9	2-6 weeks
St. Michaels Ward, Beaumont Hospital	10	4-6 weeks
Total:	19	

Community Based Residential Detoxification

<i>Location</i>	<i>Number of Beds</i>	<i>Current Average Waiting Time</i>
	2017	
Cuan Mhuire Athy (Alcohol)	18	1-7 days Male, 14-21 days Female
Cuan Mhuire Athy (Drugs)	6	Up to 4 weeks (opiates)
Cuan Mhuire Fernannes Co. Cork (Drugs and Alcohol)	8	14 -21 days (opiates & polysubstance), 1-7 days Alcohol
Cuan Mhuire Bruree Limerick (11 Drugs and 23 Alcohol)	34	Up to 12 weeks (opiates & polysubstance), 1-3 days Alcohol
Cuan Mhuire Coolraine, Co. Galway (Alcohol)	20	1-3 days
Peter Mc Verry Trust Lantern Naul Co. Dublin (Drugs)	7	26 days
Simon Community Detoxification Dublin 8 (Alcohol)	11	27 days
Coolmine Ashleigh House, Clonee, Co. Meath (Drugs)	3	4-6 weeks
Coolmine Lodge, Blanchardstown, Dublin (Drugs)	4	4-6 weeks
MQI St. Francis Farm, Tullow, Co Carlow	10	4 weeks
Aiséirí, Cahir, County Tipperary (Drugs and Alcohol)	4	1 week
Total:	125	

Adolescent Residential Detoxification

<i>Location</i>	<i>Number of Beds</i>	<i>Current Average Waiting Time</i>
	2017	
Aislinn, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny (Drugs and Alcohol)	4	2 weeks
Total:	4	

^[1] Note there are an additional 6.5 Stabilisation beds that can be used interchangeably depending on need for detoxification within the Medical Detoxification Units.

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". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

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