

An Oifig Náisiúnta don Chuimsiú Sóisialta Rannóg Cúram Príomhúil Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte Lána an Mhuilinn Baile Phámar Baile Átha Cliath 20

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Deputy Maureen O'Sullivan, TD Dáil Eireann Kildare Street Dublin 2.

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To ask the Minister for Health the number of addiction counsellors employed by the HSE drug treatment service in 2007; the number of addiction counsellors employed by the HSE in the first half of 2017; the number of counsellors employed in the community and voluntary sectors in 2007; and number employed in 2017, by county.

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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.

Data on addiction counsellors employed by the HSE drug treatment service and the community and voluntary sectors in 2007 is not readily available. Notwithstanding this, the following table sets out:

- Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) HSE Addiction Service Counsellors in 2006 and September 2017,
- WTE Addiction Counsellors in the Community and Voluntary Sectors in September 2017.

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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| Area operated From | Geographical Area covered. | Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) Addiction Counsellors HSE | | WTE Addiction Counsellors in Community and Voluntary Sectors |
|---|---|---|----------------------|---|
| | | 2006 | As at September 2017 | As at September 2017 |
| Dublin South West/Kildare/ West Wicklow, Dun-Laoghaire & Bray, Arklow & Wicklow | Dublin South West /Kildare/ Wicklow. East Coast Area | 36 | 18.5 | 17.8 |
| Dublin North-East | Louth/Meath/Cavan-Monaghan | 13 | 5 | 3 |
| Dublin North-East | Dublin North/North East | 30 | 13.4 | 28.3 |
| West (Galway) | Galway City & County/Roscommon/Mayo | 9 | 9 | 1 |
| Mid-West | Limerick/Clare/ North Tipperary | 5 | 2.5 | 5 |
| North West | Sligo/Leitrim/Donegal/West Cavan/Monaghan | 15 | 17 | 8 |
| Arbour House & Church St. Cork | Cork City & County | 14 | 21.35 | 20 |
| Edward Court, Tralee | Co. Kerry | 4 | 7 | 8 |
| New Ross, Kilkenny, Clonmel | Waterford, Wexford, Kilkenny, South Tipperary | 18 | 20 | 22 |
| Portlaoise | Laois/Offaly | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Long/Mull & Athlone | Longford/Westmeath | 6 | 7 | 7 |
| National Drug Treatment Centre | National | N/A | 2.8 | N/A |
| Total | • | 155 | 128.55 | 125.1 |