



20th December 2019

Deputy John Curran, TD
Dáil Eireann
Kildare Street
Dublin 2.

PQ: 52350/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that attended pharmacy needle exchanges to date in 2019

Dear Deputy Curran,

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 shows the monthly total number of unique individuals who attended the Pharmacy Needle Exchange Programme as of the end of each month extrapolated from preliminary data from HSE Key Performance Indicators for the first 6 months of 2019. Data for July to September '19 will not be available until the December performance report as this KPI is reported quarterly in months, one quarter in arrears.

	January '19	February '19	March '19	April '19	May '19	June '19
No of unique individuals attending the Pharmacy Needle Exchange Programme	1,853	1,855	1,975	2,003	2,004	2,038

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.

Joseph Doyle
National Planning Specialist