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To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for a person waiting to access a methadone clinic in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Loughlin,

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:

Preliminary data from the HSE's April 2019 Key Performance Indicators show that the national average waiting time from Opioid Substitution Treatment assessment to exit from the waiting list or treatment commenced for the 158 people who exited the waiting list during that month was 51 days. Data is not available by County but by Community Health Organisation. For the Deputy's information the below table is a breakdown of average waiting times by CHO areas and via the National GP Co-ordinator for outside of the Greater Dublin Region:

Community Health Organisation Area	Total Patients exited during period	AWT in Weeks
Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo (CHO 1)	0	0
Community Healthcare West (CHO2)	<10	7.1
Mid West Community Healthcare (CHO 3)	12	150.8
Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CHO 4)	16	20.8

South East Community Healthcare (CHO 5)	<10	9.4
Community Healthcare East - Dublin South East, Dun Laoghaire & Wicklow (CHO 6)	<10	1
Community Healthcare Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow (CHO 7)	65	73.3
Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation (CHO 8)	12	40.1
Community Health Organisation Dublin North City & County (CHO9)	32	15.5
National GP Co-ordinator	<10	18.7
Total	158	51

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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