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Deputy John Curran, T.D., Dail Eireann, Kildare St., Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Curran,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your Parliamentary Question below which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

PQ 34228/19: To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that received hepatitis C treatment in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -John Curran

I refer to the above parliamentary question in relation to the number of persons that have received hepatitis C treatment and I wish to advise as follows:

Year	Numbers Treated
2015	445
2016	646
2017	1064
2018	1640
2019	730 to July 19 th 2019

The National Hepatitis C Treatment Programme's current focus is to seek and treat the harder to reach client groups and has commenced expansion of the programme within a number of HSE Addiction Treatment Centres and further extensions of treatment are currently being planned within the community setting outside of the Opioid Substitution Treatment clinics.

Yours sincerely,

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