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Deputy Dessie Ellis, TD  
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**Re PQ: 24898/19**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical detoxification beds and the locations of each for adults and adolescents; the cost per annum of a medical detoxification bed for adults and adolescents, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Re PQ: 24899/19**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of community based residential detoxification beds; the locations of same for adults and adolescents, respectively; the cost per annum of a community based residential detoxification bed for adults and adolescents, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Re PQ: 24896/19**

To ask the Minister for Health the location of each of the adult and adolescent medical detoxification units and community based residential detoxification beds, respectively

Dear Deputy Ellis,

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 table below identifies the most recent information on:

- The number and location of in-patient Medical Detoxification Units. In exceptional circumstances, clinicians can facilitate adolescents in these units.
- The number and location of Community Based Residential Detoxification services.
- The number and location of Adolescent Community Based Residential Detoxification services.



## Medical Detoxification Units<sup>[1]</sup>

<i>Location</i>	<i>Number of Beds</i>
	<b>2018</b>
Cuan Dara - Cherry Orchard Hospital	9
St. Michaels Ward, Beaumont Hospital	10
<b>Total:</b>	<b>19</b>

## Community Based Residential Detoxification

<i>Location</i>	<i>Number of Beds</i>
	<b>2018</b>
Cuan Mhuire Athy (Alcohol)	18
Cuan Mhuire Athy (Drugs)	6
Cuan Mhuire ,Farnanes Co. Cork (Drugs and Alcohol)	8
Cuan Mhuire Bruree Limerick (6 male Drugs, 21male Alcohol & 3 female drugs/alcohol)	30 <sup>1</sup>
Cuan Mhuire Coolrane, Co. Galway (Alcohol)	20
Peter Mc Verry Trust Lantern Naul Co. Dublin (Drugs)	13
Simon Community Detoxification Dublin 8 (Alcohol & Benzos)	11
Coolmine Ashleigh House, Clonee, Co. Meath (Drugs)	3
Coolmine Lodge, Blanchardstown, Dublin (Drugs)	4
MQI St. Francis Farm, Tullow, Co Carlow	10
Aiséirí, Cahir, County Tipperary (Drugs and Alcohol)	4
<b>Total:</b>	<b>127</b>

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

<sup>1</sup> In addition, there are 2 emergency beds that are used for observation (medical concern). These additional beds have been used for people in detox.

## Adolescent Community Based Residential Detoxification

<i>Location</i>	<i>Number of Beds</i>
	<b>2018</b>
Aislinn, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny (Drugs and Alcohol)	4
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4</b>

According to a unit cost analysis conducted in 2017, costs per treatment episode are in the region of:

- Medical Detoxification Unit: €13,000
- Community Based Residential Detoxification: €5,000 (stabilisation episodes are included in this calculation)
- Adolescent Community Based Residential Detoxification: €16,000

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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