



19th November, 2019

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

PQ: 45394/19

To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure incurred on needle exchange services in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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:

Figures on the cost of Needle exchange services are not readily available nationally as currently this cost is absorbed within the overall Addiction Services area budget.

However for the Deputy's information please find attached breakdown of the costs directly attributed to Pharmacy Needle Exchange which operates in all Community Health Organisation Areas except the Dublin CHO Areas ie Community Healthcare East – Dublin South-East, Dun-Laoghaire & Wicklow (CHO 6); Community Healthcare Dublin South, Kildare and West Wicklow (CHO 7); Community Health Organisation Dublin North City & County (CHO 9):

PNEX Needle Exchange Expenditure 2014 to Sept 2019	
Year	Expenditure
2014	€424,009
2015	€808,633
2016	€658,537
2017	€662,571
2018	€634,000
2019 YTD at Sept	€548,153

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