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

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To ask the Minister for Health the payments made to pharmacists and general practitioners for methadone treatment in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form

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:

Please find attached in tabular form the expenditure (payments made in respect of <u>methadone</u>) to pharmacists and general practitioners for 2015 – 2018. The expenditure for 2019 is not readily available but for the Deputy's information the allocation for 2019 was €21.37m.

Expenditure	2015	2016	2017	2018
Pharmacy	€13,149,237	€13,542,620	€13,815,902	13,445,607
GP's	€7,558,220	€7,729,027	€7,832,470	7,967,821

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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