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To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons by county that received drug treatment; the types of treatments received that is detox, residential rehab, methadone, counselling and so on in each of the years 2010 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; 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:

Table 1 below provides the number of cases treated for drugs by county, 2010 to 2017, as identified by the National Drug Treatment Reporting System (NDTRS), figures for 2018 are currently being finalised with 2019 data expected this time next year (see appendix re NDTRS) . Table 2 identifies the number of cases treated for drugs (excluding alcohol) by type of service provider, 2010 to 2017.

Table 1: The number of cases treated for drugs by county, 2010 to 2017

County	Year							
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Cork	1065	1106	952	1107	1124	1125	953	835
Clare	98	66	79	146	183	201	178	175
Cavan	79	57	110	73	62	33	84	76
Carlow	190	168	169	188	134	155	131	140
Dublin	3499	3350	2937	3569	4084	4103	3781	3806
Donegal	84	79	85	85	92	110	143	190

Galway	329	284	276	283	226	271	260	219
Kilkenny	142	139	164	152	166	144	142	118
Kildare	300	301	351	285	198	161	169	154
Kerry	315	277	226	260	266	304	253	220
Limerick	382	312	243	354	531	456	484	446
Longford	55	66	67	62	100	86	55	43
Louth	200	210	273	213	220	239	256	270
Leitrim	10	12	12	12	23	17	17	16
Laois	83	120	139	143	167	123	161	201
Meath	193	124	159	153	178	133	151	208
Monaghan	14	33	23	24	26	26	42	31
Mayo	78	70	55	73	70	60	52	70
Offaly	69	101	83	82	161	170	82	60
Roscommon	73	57	71	60	60	80	90	86
Sligo	85	61	75	71	94	98	81	72
Tipperary	342	363	390	384	430	394	401	419
Waterford	396	358	395	433	361	399	346	340
Westmeath	153	180	169	154	249	269	216	141
Wicklow	151	164	145	212	229	250	176	219
Wexford	342	272	301	368	370	393	358	281
Outside Ireland	13	11	11	9	7	17	17	21
Address unknown	66	20	45	51	79	75	148	65
Total	8806	8361	8005	9006	9890	9892	9227	8922

Note:

- County is based on the client's place of residence in the 30 days prior to commencing treatment.
- NDTRS data are case-based, which means there is a possibility that individuals appear more than once in the database; for example, where a person receives treatment at more than one centre, or at the same centre more than once in a calendar year.

Table 2: The number of cases treated for drugs (excluding alcohol) by type of service provider, 2010 to 2017

Service Type	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Outpatient	5563	5623	5299	5998	6251	5818	5481	5610
Inpatient*	1232	1107	1124	1233	1348	1779	1885	1757
Low threshold	793	642	711	812	1190	1197	886	792
General practitioner	288	228	229	216	257	271	238	112
Prison	930	761	642	747	844	827	737	651
Total	8806	8361	8005	9006	9890	9892	9227	8922

Note:

- * Includes any service where the client stays overnight, e.g., in-patient detoxification, therapeutic communities, respite and step down.
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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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Appendix

The NDTRS is the national epidemiological surveillance database that records and reports on treated problem drug and alcohol use in Ireland (www.hrb.ie/data-collections-evidence/alcohol-and-drug-treatment/). For the purposes of the NDTRS, *treatment* is broadly defined as any activity which aims to ameliorate the psychological, medical or social state of individuals seeking help. Established in 1990, the NDTRS is maintained by the National Health Information Systems (NHIS) of the Health Research Board (HRB) on behalf of the Department of Health.

The analysis was conducted on data received from NDTRS-participating services nationally. The data pertain to cases treated in these centres during the period 2010 to 2017 inclusive. **NDTRS data for 2018 are due to be published in the Drugs Bulletin in November 2019.** Data for 2019 will be available in 2020.

Please note that NDTRS data are case-based, which means there is a possibility that individuals appear more than once in the database; for example, where a person receives treatment at more than one centre, or at the same centre more than once in a calendar year. The NDTRS suppresses data where the total in a cell is five cases or fewer. This is to ensure that individuals are not indirectly identified. *Please note that NDTRS data are not to be presented in either written or oral form that could directly or indirectly identify an individual.*