



29th October 2019

Deputy John Curran, TD
Dáil Eireann
Kildare Street
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PQ: 42043/19

To ask the Minister for Health the year in which the persons currently on methadone treatment entered the treatment programme in the past twenty years 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:

The most recent available data for length of time in treatment is as of 31st of December 2018. The below table identifies the treatment commencement date of the 10,333 patients receiving Methadone Treatment (including prisons) at that time:

Year Treatment Commenced	Number of Patients
1998 and earlier	1,060
1999	350
2000	291
2001	346
2002	342
2003	267
2004	325
2005	271
2006	307
2007	295
2008	337
2009	381
2010	353
2011	470
2012	455
2013	495
2014	586
2015	704
2016	787
2017	1,121
2018	790
Total:	10,333



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