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PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatient detox beds for persons with a dual diagnosis; the HSE regions in which these beds are available; when such beds will be available for those that need them in all regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jan O'Sullivan

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the 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 10 inpatient unit detoxification beds based in Beaumont Hospital Dublin and the 4 residential adolescent detoxification beds based in Kilkenny accept National Referrals. 9 inpatient detoxification beds based at Cuan Dara Unit Cherry Orchard Hospital Dublin accepts referrals from CHOs 6, 7, and 9. All admissions are under the direct care of Consultant Psychiatrists in Substance Misuse. Many of the patients admitted to these beds may well have a 'Dual Diagnosis' but they are not exclusive to 'Dual Diagnosis'. Indeed, one could say that given the prevalence of mental health problems among those who require admission for Addiction Treatment then all beds could be considered as potentially providing care to this cohort.

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 cursive script that reads "Siobhán Ni Bhriain".

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