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Deputy Mary Lou McDonald
Dáil Eireann,
Dublin 2.

Ref: PQ 25659/20

To ask the Minister for Health the addiction treatment and detoxification beds participants that successfully detox during treatment at Cuan Dara, Cherry Orchard Hospital to detox have been referred to throughout the ongoing closure of a centre (details supplied)

Mary Lou McDonald

Dear Deputy McDonald,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question as detailed above. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Cuan Dara cohort (Opiate dependent service users with co-morbid / complex needs) are at particular high risk of overdose post detoxification if suitable further treatment options are unavailable.

As Keltoi, the residential treatment centre, in St Mary's Phoenix Park, has been closed pending a review committee recommendation, post detoxification treatment places that cater for this cohort are extremely limited at present. As a result, Cuan Dara has significantly limited the number of admissions for detoxification in order to mitigate this risk.

Cuan Dara is currently focused on the stabilisation programme, pending resumption of further treatment services that can provide direct transfer post detoxification. I have included below a summary of the admissions for 2019 and 2020 for your information.

Service	2019	2020
Detoxification Programme	41	15
Stabilisation Programme	27	46

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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