

22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2021

Ms Sorca Clarke T.D.,  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**Re: Parliamentary Question - 19438/21**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of SafeTALK programmes that were delivered in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in counties Longford and Westmeath in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Clarke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you recently submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline response as follows.

The below table sets out the number of SafeTALK programmes that were delivered across counties Longford and Westmeath in the time period 2018-2021. It also quantifies the total number of people who participated in the SafeTALK programme in each year.

Year	Number Delivered	Total Participants
2018	32	500
2019	37	509
2020 *	7	97
2021*	0	0

\*Due to the Covid 19 restrictions, from March 2020 delivery of all face to face suicide prevention programmes including SafeTALK and ASIST were paused and have not, as yet, resumed pending the easing of current level 5 restrictions and progress on the Government roll-out of Covid vaccine to facilitate face to face programmes.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Des O'Flynn', written in a cursive style.

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Des O'Flynn  
Chief Officer  
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