



23rd February 2021

Deputy Thomas Gould, TD
Dáil Eireann
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Re PQ: 6464 To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of addiction workers employed both publicly and as section 39 workers currently.

Dear Deputy Gould,

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 below Table, based on information supplied by the Community Health Organisations (CHOs) identifies the estimated number of addiction workers (Whole Time Equivalent) currently employed by the HSE and funded by the HSE under Section 39 Service Arrangements. Addiction workers include all staff employed in addiction services.

HSE addiction workers	Section 39 addiction workers
643.9	843.5

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Doyle
National Lead, Social Inclusion

