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Deputy Duncan Smith  
Dáil Eireann,  
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**PQ12652/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health if there has been an increase in the amount of young persons seeking treatment for drug addiction in County Kildare since the beginning of March 2020; if so, if the HSE has provided additional facilities to deal with any increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Duncan Smith TD**

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

There has been no increase in the number of young people seeking treatment for drug addiction in County Kildare since the beginning of March 2020, in fact there has been a reduction. A recent report from Halo, a Task Force funded project, based in Kildare that provides support services for young people, suggests that the reduction is due to the relative reduction in activity of referring agencies / organisations due to Public Covid 19 restrictions.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Mary O'Kelly', written over a horizontal line.

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