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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd
Dáil Éireann
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Re: PQ 16721/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the status of the HSE addiction treatment centre on the Donore Road, Drogheda, County Louth; if the centre is now operational again following its designation in 2020 as a Covid-19 assessment hub; the addiction services that have been put back into operation; the number of addiction-related service staff that are on site; the cost to date that the HSE has spent renovating the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Fergus O'Dowd

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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 outline the position as follows.

This centre is now operational again following its designation in 2020 as a Covid-19 assessment hub. The Drogheda methadone clinic is held there on a Wednesday. The under 18 and Adult Counselling services use the premises on an ad-hoc basis, as they cover all of Louth/Meath. The Meath methadone clinic services also use the building on a Tuesday on an interim measure, until such time as the accommodation in Navan is ready for occupation. It is hoped that this will be ready in Qtr. 2, 2021.

There are five addiction related service staff on site presently.

The cost to date spent renovating the centre by the HSE is in the region of €400,000.

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,

Des O'Flynn
Chief Officer
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