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**To ask the Minister for Health the number of sterile crack pipes that have been distributed by the HSE and charity services in County Galway to date in 2021; the way this compares with 2020 figures; if there are demographic breakdowns for service users of those seeking supports for crack cocaine; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In 2020 there were 84 requests for crack pipes in Galway received by Community Healthcare West (CHW) Drugs Service. In 2021 there were 7 requests for crack pipes in Galway received by CHW Drugs Service. All of these requests were fulfilled by the CHW Drugs Service.

Community Healthcare West Drugs Service has no record of any other services receiving requests for crack pipes.

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

Yours sincerely,



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