



15<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Deputy Mark Ward, TD  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2.

**Re PQ: 8145/22**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that were prescribed methadone suboxone as a substitute for codeine in the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy,

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:

**This level of detail in relation to commencement of Opioid Substitution Treatment with methadone or buprenorphine is not collated centrally and is therefore not available.**

Should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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