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Re: PO 36161/22 - "To ask the Minister for Health if there is a dedicated addiction service for persons aged under 18 in Co. Clare, if so, the location from which it operates; and if not, his plans to address same."

Dear Deputy Wynne,

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.


I can advise that the following services are available to young people in Co. Clare in respect of drug and alcohol issues:

- The Community Substance Misuse Team (CSMT) (funded by the HSE Mid West Drug Service & Mid West Regional Drug and Alcohol Forum) works with young people and their families in relation to drug and alcohol issues. Whilst the service is based in Limerick, it operates on an outreach basis throughout the Mid West including Co. Clare. The service can be contacted on 061 318904 to arrange an appointment. Further information in relation to the services of the CMST can be found on their website www.csmt.ie
- The HSE Mid West Clare Drug and Alcohol Service is based in Ennis, Co. Clare. The service operates on an outreach basis throughout the county and provides one to one counselling to young people aged 14 to 25 in relation to drug and alcohol issues.
- The HSE has access to residential treatment beds in Aislinn Adolescent Treatment Centre via the HSE National Tier 4 Beds Programme. Key workers in the Mid West can refer young people aged 15 to 21 for episodes of residential treatment to the centre where appropriate.
- The Clare Youth Services runs a Drug Education and Prevention Project (DEPP) for young people who are involved with the Youth Service in Ennis, Co. Clare. The Clare Youth Service is a voluntary group and participates on the Mid West Regional Drug and Alcohol Forum. The Youth Service can be contacted on 065 68453650.

I am enclosing a leaflet which outlines the Drug and Alcohol Services and Supports available in the Mid-West including Co. Clare.

I trust this information addresses the issues raised in your representation.

Yours sincerely,



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