



13th of May 2022

Deputy Claire Kerrane, TD
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re PQ: 21839/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE needle exchanges and their operating hours in 2022, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

The Health Service Executive have 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 table outlines the position:

CHO Area	HSE Needle Exchange	Opening Hours	Notes
CHO 3 Clare, Limerick, North Tipperary, East Limerick	2 services	9am – 5pm Mon – Fri 9.30am – 5pm Mon - Fri	NEX offered in both cases on an outreach/backpacking basis. Services - 1 HSE, 1 S39
CHO 4 Cork/Kerry	1 service	9am - 6pm Mon - Fri	Recently went from 1 – 2 full time staff members.
CHO 5 South Tipperary, Carlow/Kilkenny, Waterford, Wexford.	8 services	9am - 5pm Mon - Fri	Outreach services are in place outside of the fixed times.



CHO 6 Wicklow, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin South-East. & CHO 7 Kildare/West Wicklow, Dublin West, Dublin South City & Dublin South-West	16 services	Varied opening hours 10-am to 4pm Mon – Fri Outreach outside of fixed times 10am-1pm Sat – Sun in some locations	
CHO 8 Laois/Offaly, Longford Westmeath, Louth and Meath	1 Service	9am – 5.30pm Mon - Fri	
CHO 9 Dublin North, Dublin North-Central, Dublin North-West	9 services	Varied opening hours across CHO 9 mon – Fri.	

In addition to the above, HSE Needle Exchange services outside the Dublin region are augmented by the Pharmacy Needle Exchange Programme

Should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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