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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Re: **PQ 42493/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the total number of HSE drug and alcohol outreach workers currently working in the HSE Louth and Meath areas; if an outreach worker is employed by the HSE in the Drogheda area not including section 39 workers; 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 outlined the position as follows.

Currently there are 1.6 outreach workers in Louth Meath. One WTE covering Dundalk and 0.6 WTE covering Navan. There are 2 vacant outreach worker positions across the Louth Meath area that have been advertised recently one will be based in Drogheda. The HSE have also secured additional funding for another outreach worker for the Louth Meath area.

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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