



Eagraíocht Cúram Sláinte Pobail
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Ms Catherine Murphy TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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22nd March 2023

PQ 11701/23 – *“To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time stop smoking advisors employed by the HSE in CHO9 in 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form; and the locations within this CHO where the stop smoking advisors are located.”* – Catherine Murphy TD

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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

Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death in Ireland with almost 6,000 smokers dying each year from tobacco related diseases. Smoking related deaths are mainly due to cancers, chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases (COPD) and heart disease. Smoking harms nearly every organ of the body, causing many different illnesses and diseases. Life expectancy of smokers is about 10 years less than a non-smokers. The younger you are when you start smoking, the more likely you are to smoke for longer and to die early from smoking. People are four times more likely to quit smoking if they engage with our services.

To address this, Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) has made significant investments in smoking cessation supports in recent years through the Sláintecare programme. This includes the allocation of 8 WTE Stop Smoking advisors throughout 2022 and 2023. There has also been an increase in the number of stop smoking clinics across the CHO.

As of February 28th 2023, we have 6.5 WTE Stop Smoking Advisors in post and 18 Stop Smoking Clinics. Recruitment and training is in progress for the remaining 1.5 WTE needed as part of the above allocation Stop Smoking Advisors recruited over the past 3 years are shown overleaf.

No. of Stop Smoking Advisors WTE	2021	2022	2023
	0.5 Staff SSA	3.8	6.5 1.5 to be trained

	2021	2022	2023
Location of Stop Smoking Clinics within CHO DNCC	Nil	Balbriggan Ballymun Cabra Clontarf / Marino Coolock / Darndale Corduff Finglas Kilbarrack / Tonlegee Mulhuddart Portmarnock Roselawn NEIC - Summerhill PCC Swords	Balbriggan Ballymun Blanchardstown PCC Cabra Clontarf / Marino Coolock / Darndale Corduff Finglas Kilbarrack / Tonlegee Mulhuddart Navan Road PCC Portmarnock Roselawn NEIC - Summerhill PCC Swords

Integrated Care Centres Commenced 2022	Dublin North West - St. Clare's Dublin North City - St. Clare's Dublin North West – St. Mary's – Phoenix Park
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St. Francis Hospice	Service ran for staff in Sept 2022 for 12 weeks.
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Please find below links to our stop Smoking Services [Google Maps Link to Stop Smoking Service](#).

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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