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To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of funding provided for women's addiction services to date in 2023, by service, in tabular form

Dear Deputy Gould,

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:

It is not possible to extract specific funding for women's addiction services from funding for all addiction services nationally, which includes for example, Coolmine's Ashleigh House and Residential Therapeutic Community for Women in Limerick. The attached table lists those services that provide women-only addiction programmes. Funding for these programmes comes through the regular budget-line for the HSE and certain other strategic initiatives, such as the €2 million Community Services Enhancement Fund.

The Community Services Enhancement Fund was launched in 2022 to enhance community-based drug and alcohol services. The fund is part of the strategic priority to enhance access to and delivery of drug and alcohol services in the community in the National Drugs Strategy 2021-2025. Community Healthcare Organisations are required to allocate and ring-fence 25 per cent of their funding allocations for initiatives to increase access to and the provision of drug and alcohol services for a number of groups who have specific needs, including women.

National addiction services are available to all. Information on accessing national addiction services can be obtained through the National Directory of Drugs and Alcohol Services on [Drugs.ie](http://drugs.ie) ([http://drugs.ie/](http://drugs.ie)), Local Health Offices, Addiction Services, as well as Primary Care General Practitioners.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.



Yours sincerely,



Prof Eamon Keenan
National Clinical Lead - Addiction Services

Services Providing Women-Only Addiction Programmes

Project	Agency/Addition Information	Funding Source
Wexford Women's Substance Misuse Service	Cornmarket Project	Funded under CHO 5 CSEF Funding
Better Together/Fr Mc Grath Centre	Online Peer Support- Women's Programme	Funded under CHO 5 CSEF Funding
Health and Wellbeing Programme for residents and former residents of Céim Eile- supporting recovery of women	Aiseiri Progression Programme	Funded under CHO 5 CSEF Funding
Women's Programme "Jane's Place"	MQI Ireland	Funded under CHO 7 CSEF Funding
Women's Health Programme in Blanchardstown/Finglas/Cabra for ante and post-natal addiction support linked into Rotunda Hospital	Finglas Cabra LDTF	Funded under CHO 9 CSEF Funding
WISE programme aimed at LGBTI+, Ethnic Minorities and Women	North Dublin Regional Drug & Alcohol Task Force	Funded under CHO 9 CSEF Funding
In reach, identify and engage Women's Health programme in Kilbarrack Network	Edenmore Drug Intervention Team	Funded under CHO 9 CSEF Funding
Women Specific Crack Cocaine Programme	CARP	Funded under CHO 7 Cocaine Initiative
Coolmine Residential Therapeutic Community, Limerick for women, expectant women and mothers with young children	Coolmine	1,300,000
Céim Eile - Step Down Women, Sober House Women	Aiseirí Group	Funded through the Aiseiri Group allocation
Ashleigh House, Blanchardstown	Women & Children's Residential, Coolmine Therapeutic Community	Funded through the Coolmine allocation
1. "Birchhaven" Family Hub, Firhouse 2. Suaimhneas, Female only 'Recovery House'	DePaul Female only 'Recovery House', DePaul	Funded through the DePaul allocation 196,418
Drug and Alcohol Liaison Midwives	In the process of recruitment by HSE Addiction services and Maternity services to support pregnant women experiencing problems with drug or alcohol use with one post planned for each CHO area.	630,000 allocated for 9 positions.

