

19th February, 2025

Mr. Jerry Buttimer., T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 2853/25

"To ask the Minister for Health his views on the availability of beds for the provision of detox services for alcohol and drug addiction in County Cork."

Dear Deputy Buttimer,

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.

There is only one community based residential detox unit in Cork based in Cuan Mhuire Farnanes with 8 beds. Cuan Mhuire is Ireland's largest national voluntary, multi-site provider of residential detoxification and rehabilitation programmes for individuals suffering from addiction and other related problems and significant funding is provided by the HSE to support this work.

Cuan Mhuire supports those suffering from addiction and their families as they progress through a systematic 12 to 20 week programme (which can be varied since every individual case is unique). It continues to provide support after treatment through a national network of Aftercare.

However people from Cork also have access to beds in many other parts of the country – but the vast majority use the services in Bruree, St Francis Farm, Aiseiri, Coolmine and the Athy facilities.

Tier 4	Treatment type	No. of beds
Cuan Mhuire Coolraine, Co. Galway	Residential Detoxification	22
Cuan Mhuire, Bruree Limerick	Community Based Residential Detoxification	30
Cuan Mhuire Farnanes Co. Cork	Community Based Residential Detoxification	8
Aiseiri Cahir Tipperary	Community Based Residential Detoxification	4
Aislinn Ballyragget Co. Kilkenny	Adolescent Residential Detoxification	4
MQI St. Francis Farm, Tullow. Co. Carlow	Community Based Residential Detoxification	4
Cuan Dara	In-Patient Medical Detox	10
Dublin Simon Detox	Detox	11
Cuan Mhuire Athy Alcohol Detoxification	Community Based Residential Detoxification	30

Cuan Mhuire Athy Our Lady's Drug Unit	Community Based Residential Detoxification	6
Coolmine Ashleigh House	Community Based Residential Detoxification	4
Coolmine Lodge	Community Based Residential Detoxification	4
Peter McVerry Detox	Community Based Residential Detoxification	8
Beaumont	In-Patient Medical Detox	6

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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