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Deputy Dolan
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Re: 40921/25

To ask the Minister for Health if there is a centralised register or list of all addiction step-down facilities in the State; and the formal process by which such facilities are established or acquired including the criteria used to assess their suitability, the consultation or engagement required with local stakeholders, and the regulatory or quality assurance checks applied prior to approval or funding.

Dear Deputy Dolan

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.

There is currently no centralised register or list of all addiction step-down facilities in the State. However, each individual facility enters into a service agreement and is funded under Section 39 of the Health Act.

All non-statutory agencies receiving funding from the HSE for the provision of personal health and social services fall within the scope of the HSE Governance Framework. These agencies are required to have a signed National Standard Service Arrangement or Grant Aid Agreement in place. As part of this all services are expected to operate under the HIQA approved National Standards for Safer Better Healthcare (2012) and quality assurance checks are conducted prior to the approval or disbursement of funding.

This framework applies to a range of service providers, including voluntary organisations, commercial (for-profit) entities, and agencies operating in other jurisdictions. Further details of individual services are available through the National Directory of Drugs and Alcohol Services at [Drugs.ie](https://www.drugs.ie).

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

Yours sincerely,



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