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Mr. Liam Quaide., T.D.,
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"To ask the Minister for Health the details of funding allocated to Coolmine southwest addiction services for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 and to date in 2025"

Dear Deputy Quaide,

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.

Six Community-Based Drug and Alcohol Hubs have been established across South West region to provide accessible, welcoming, evidenced-based and clinically safe services. Managed locally by Coolmine Team Leaders, supported by a Regional Manager, these Hubs offer a range of interventions, information, supports and referral pathways to adults and concerned people experiencing difficulty with drug/alcohol use. These services are delivered through one-to-one and group interventions while staff will also engage in assertive outreach in their communities. In addition, HSE Addiction Counsellors and supporting medical staff provide services within the Hubs. Referrals to these additional support services are made in accordance with the case management protocols.

The funding provided to Coolmine South West Addiction Services is as follows

Year	Funding provided to Coolmine
2022	€1,054,000.00
2023	€2,632,540.50
2024	€1,658,669.50
2025	€1,121,376.74

The Coolmine Hubs were first developed in 2022 and full staffing complement and other infrastructure was not in place at the commencement of the service. The Hubs have been developed from both a staffing and infrastructure perspective over the last number of years which lead to the necessity for the increase in the funds provided.

In addition, HSE Social Inclusion Services, in partnership with Coolmine, submitted a number of business cases for additional funds to support specific initiatives e.g Gambling, Cocaine, SAOR programme and others.

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

Yours sincerely,

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