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Deputy John Brady  
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**PQ ref 34510/25** To ask the Minister for Health the addiction services are available in Wicklow for young people and children under the age of 18; the number of patients served; the current waiting lists for these services; the services they provide; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

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Dear Deputy Brady,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive can confirm that the Youth Drug and Alcohol Services (YoDA) provide specialist outreach support to young people and individuals under the age of eighteen in Wicklow, also area services are provided are Bray, Greystones, Rathdrum, and Rathnew. YoDA operates from their main base in Tallaght. The multidisciplinary YoDA team includes a Child and Adolescent Consultant Psychiatrist, a Clinical Nurse Specialist, and a Senior Counsellor. YoDA delivers tailored assistance and treatment to young people experiencing challenges related to drug or alcohol use. Services are based on the assessed individual needs of each service user and may include comprehensive assessments, individual counselling, cognitive therapy, family therapy, education and support for families, health education and advice, and medication where clinically indicated. As of now, there is no waiting list for YoDA services in Wicklow. YoDA are currently engaged with a number of young people, working also with their families and care givers in Wicklow. This engagement also involves the provision of group-based courses and input via family therapy, and supportive links with CAMHS, TUSLA, schools and community projects. Additionally, YoDA works in close collaboration with the Wicklow Child and Family Partnership, in Arklow, with the Daughters of Charity Arklow Family Centre. Through these partnerships, YoDA provides supervision and case management support to project workers operating within these organisations.

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

Yours sincerely,

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