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To ask the Minister for Health the number of publicly funded beds were provided under tier 4 addiction services, by month for 2024, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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.

While the HSE can provide funding to services as a whole, in the main the HSE purchases treatment episodes rather than beds. The duration of the treatment episode is a determination as to capacity of a 'bed space', which is dependent on the different treatment type and the length of the programme that a particular service runs. In general detoxification duration is up to 6 weeks, short stay is 4-5 weeks duration, long stay from 10-25 weeks duration, therapeutic communities from 14-36 weeks duration and step down from 12 to 52 weeks duration. It is important to note that a person may avail of more than treatment type for example detox, then short/long stay and then step down.

For the deputy's information, funding has been provided to HSE Regions through the HSE National Social Inclusion Office amounting to €8.4m in 2024 to purchase treatment episodes depending on Regional needs and service capacity. The HSE has a guideline rate for treatment episodes have been derived from a Unit Cost Analysis (UCA) study, which range from €1,500 for detoxification to €10,500 for detoxification and short-stay. HSE Service Level Agreement Holders agree specific rates with each service provider based on their individual results from the UCA and funding available. Please note that this does not include funding provided directly from HSE Regions to residential services, or other statutory funding.

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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