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\* To ask the Minister for Health the funding available from his Department or the Health Service Executive for specific rehabilitation (details supplied) and the guidelines on same.

**Details supplied:** Availability of funding for a person who needs to be admitted to a rehabilitation centre for drug/alcohol addiction where the person is unable to meet the cost of same herself.

Dear Deputy O'Keeffe,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

The most recent figures available on Tier 4 drug and alcohol residential services estimate current provision at 787 residential beds, comprising 23 inpatient unit detoxification beds, 117 community-based residential detoxification beds, 4 adolescent residential detoxification beds, 625 residential rehabilitation beds (which includes some private provision) and 18 adolescent residential rehabilitation beds. However, not all beds are HSE funded beds. The beds are available for both public and privately referred patients.

Where HSE funding is provided this is done so on either a:

- "Per bed allocation" with all treatment episodes associated with that bed given to HSE referrals an example being HSE funding for 6 beds in Aislinn and or Cuan Mhuire Detoxification service.
- "Per treatment basis" where each treatment is paid for separately.
- "Staffing cost basis" In some cases funding has been given to pay for a number of staff salaries within a service an example being Regional Drugs Task Force funding for Merchants Quay Ireland.

This varies across HSE regions and within service level agreements.

From a HSE exercise conducted on Tier 4 treatment episodes during 2014, 87% of treatment episodes were publically funded and 13% were privately funded (for a breakdown of public/private ratio for each service type see Table 1). It is important to note that in some cases for the publically funded episodes, there is an additional contribution requested from clients. Where a person is unable to make this contribution the HSE would advocate directly with the service on their behalf.

In 2015, additional funding was obtained by the HSE to increase the capacity within the community and voluntary sector, to provide additional detoxification and rehabilitation beds to HSE referred clients amounting to a total of 53 beds creating 295 new treatments. There is no additional contribution requested from the client for these particular treatments. For a full breakdown of additional Tier 4 treatment episodes purchased see Table 2.

**Table 1: Public/private ratio for each Tier 4 service types**

Community Detox	Public – 95% /Private – 5%
Long Stay Residential Rehabilitation	Public – 99%/Private – 1%
Short Stay Residential Rehabilitation	Public – 45%/Private – 55%
Adolescent Residential Detox	Public – 100%
Therapeutic Communities Rehabilitation	Public – 100%
Step Down Services	Public – 100%
Overall Ratio for Public/Private	Public – 87%/Private – 13%

**Table 2: Additional Tier 4 treatment episodes purchased**

10 Community Detox beds	=	124 Community Detox treatments
14 Long Stay Residential beds	=	60 Long Stay Residential Rehabilitation treatments
7 Short Stay Residential beds	=	70 Short Stay Residential treatments
1 Adolescent Rehabilitation beds	=	10 Adolescent treatments
6 Community Therapeutic Residential Rehabilitation beds	=	16 Community Residential Rehabilitation treatments
15 Treatments in Step-Down beds	=	15 Step down placements

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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