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PQ 16071/16

* To ask the Minister for Health if there has been a 25 per cent increase in residential rehabilitation places based on 2008 figures, as targeted in the National Drugs Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Chambers,

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 National Drugs Strategy 2009-2016 refers to the Report of the HSE Working Group on Residential Treatment & Rehabilitation (Substance Abuse) providing a detailed analysis and overview of known residential treatment services at the time and advised on the future residential requirements of those affected by drug and alcohol use. The report calculated a need for 887 residential rehabilitation beds, of which between 14 and 37 beds being required for a separate adolescent service(s).

The number of residential beds has increased significantly since 2007, largely due to the increased provision of beds in community based residential facilities. The most recent figures available (including private provision) 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 and 18 adolescent residential rehabilitation beds.

Since 2015 the HSE has received €1.4m per annum to increase the capacity within the community and voluntary sector to provide additional detoxification and rehabilitation episodes to HSE referred clients. Additional funding is being sought within the estimates process for 2017.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Doyle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

Joseph Doyle
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