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* To ask the Minister for Health the number of services nationwide in addition to the details of these services, providing a residential detox treatment service for adolescents aged 15 to 21 years; the services which are private, public and in receipt of public funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Broughan,

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 following is provided via an Agency funded by the HSE or directly by the HSE:

Residential detoxification treatment for 15 to 21 year olds is provided nationally in the Aislinn Centre, Ballyraggett, Co. Kilkenny. Both Cuan Dara and St Michaels Ward in Beaumont will take referrals for detox of individuals aged 18-21 yrs. There is also facility for individuals aged 17 yrs and under to be admitted to one of these units under the care of one of the Child and Adolescent Substance Misuse Psychiatrists working in the HSE for particularly complex cases. This has not been necessary over the last number of years.

For the Deputy's information, the majority of under 18 year olds are supported through community based drugs initiatives. These services provide evidence based approaches such as Motivational Interviewing, Brief Interventions, Community Reinforcement Approach (CRA) and Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach (ACRA).

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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