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**PQ 28958/16**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff allocated to Drugs Taskforces per county and per service division nationally in each of the years 2012 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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:

HSE Addiction Service staff are aligned to HSE Community Health Organisations (CHOs) rather than Drug and Alcohol Task Force geographical areas. Data for 2015 and 2016 is set out in the table below.

Data for 2012 is not readily available. For the Deputy's information, the National Social Inclusion Office conducted a scoping exercise of addiction staff in 2013/2014 across the HSE regions at that time (pre-CHO structure). The total number of HSE addiction service staff was 617.

**Number of HSE Addiction Service Staff per CHO area**

	<b>2015 Number of HSE Addiction Service Whole Time Equivalent</b>	<b>2016 Number of HSE Addiction Service Whole Time Equivalent</b>
<b>CHO 1</b>	19	18
<b>CHO 2</b>	17	17
<b>CHO 3</b>	18	18
<b>CHO 4</b>	47	51
<b>CHO 5</b>	19	34
<b>CHO 6</b>	58	53
<b>CHO 7</b>	215	221
<b>CHO 8</b>	37	40
<b>CHO 9</b>	155	151
	<b>585</b>	<b>603</b>

Note: the above does not include a range of general health services which people accessing addiction services avail of including: acute hospital inpatient/outpatient services; primary care services, general practitioner services, HSE mental health services (including Section 39 services).

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', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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