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PQ 38541/16

* To ask the Minister for Health the cost of dispensing one treatment of methadone to a person with an opioid dependence; the number of trained medical practitioners that can dispense methadone; 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:

One single daily dispensed dose of methadone in a community pharmacy setting based on global allocation of €13,097,000 for 2016 costs on average €5.00 (inclusive of pharmacy fees and ingredient costs).

Within the HSE there are currently no medical practitioners that can dispense methadone.

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'.

Joseph Doyle
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