



28th June 2018

Deputy Róisín Shortall, TD
Dáil Eireann
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Re: PQ 26133/18

To ask the Minister for Health the number of drug and alcohol detox beds by location; if they are public or private beds; the number that are for alcohol, drug or drug and alcohol detox; the waiting list for each category by each location in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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 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 the current provision nationally at 150 detoxification beds. The figure of 150 detoxification beds is made up of 19 inpatient unit detoxification beds, 127 community based residential detoxification beds and 4 adolescent residential detoxification beds.

The below tables identify the number, location and type of detoxification beds available and their average waiting time.



Number of Detoxification Beds by type and location 2018

Medical Detoxification Units¹

<i>Location</i>	<i>Number of Beds</i>	<i>Current Average Waiting Time</i>
	2018	
Cuan Dara - Cherry Orchard Hospital	9	2-6 weeks
St. Michaels Ward, Beaumont Hospital	10	4-6 weeks
Total:	19	

Community Based Residential Detoxification

<i>Location</i>	<i>Number of Beds</i>	<i>Current Average Waiting Time</i>
	2018	
Cuan Mhuire Athy (Alcohol)	18	1-7 days Male, 14-21 days Female
Cuan Mhuire Athy (Drugs)	6	Up to 4 weeks (opiates)
Cuan Mhuire ,Farnanes Co. Cork (Drugs and Alcohol)	8	14 -21 days (opiates & polysubstance), 1-7 days Alcohol
Cuan Mhuire Bruree Limerick (6 male Drugs, 21male Alcohol & 3 female drugs/alcohol)	30 ²	Up to 12 weeks (opiates & polysubstance), 1-3 days Alcohol
Cuan Mhuire Coolrane, Co. Galway (Alcohol)	20	1-3 days
Peter Mc Verry Trust Lantern Naul Co. Dublin (Drugs)	13	25
Simon Community Detoxification Dublin 8 (Alcohol & Benzos)	11	26 days
Coolmine Ashleigh House, Clonee, Co. Meath (Drugs)	3	4-6 weeks
Coolmine Lodge, Blanchardstown, Dublin (Drugs)	4	4-6 weeks
MQI St. Francis Farm, Tullow, Co Carlow	10	2 weeks
Aiséirí, Cahir, County Tipperary (Drugs and Alcohol)	4	2 weeks
Total:	127	

¹ Note there are an additional 6.5 Stabilisation beds that can be used interchangeably depending on need for detoxification within the Medical Detoxification Units.

² In addition, there are 2 emergency beds that are used for observation (medical concern). These additional beds have been used for people in detox.

Adolescent Residential Detoxification

<i>Location</i>	<i>Number of Beds</i>	<i>Current Average Waiting Time</i>
	2018	
Aislinn, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny (Drugs and Alcohol)	4	1 week
Total:	4	

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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