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**PQ: 56356/21**

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Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to your above Parliamentary Questions which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

The below Table outlines the average wait times for Residential rehabilitation and detoxification treatment for first Referral as at November 2021.

This analysis provides a 'snapshot in time'. Waiting lists are not an indication of need as there are instances where need based priorities cases can access residential and detoxification treatment quicker when there is a cap on places (& waiting lists in operation) available at a particular location. The HSE notes that "service users" can also avail of other community based addiction services during any waiting period. For the deputy's information, a number of COVID-19 related factors have impacted on waiting lists for drug and alcohol detoxification such as reduced capacity in order to comply with public health guidance, restrictions on new entries and closures due to outbreaks. Some services are using their detox facility as a transition phase for 2 weeks for all new entrants (including those accessing rehabilitation programmes), which then impacts on the detox throughput. In addition, there are difficulties carrying out face to face assessments and validating waiting lists as many of the interactions are telephone only.

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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Table

CHO Area	Tier 4	Treatment type	Average Wait For Residential Rehabilitation and Detox Treatment from First Referral to Admission as at November 2021
1	Cuan Mhuire, Ballybay, Co. Monaghan	Step Down	0 days Transition from completion of detox to commencement of treatment is seamless. No waiting time.
1	White Oaks	Short Stay Residential Rehabilitation	5 to 6 weeks
2	Cuan Mhuire Coolraine, Co. Galway	Community Based Residential Detoxification	2 Weeks
2	Cuan Mhuire Coolraine, Co. Galway	Long Stay Residential Rehabilitation	2 Weeks
2	Hope House, Foxford, Co. Mayo	Short Stay Residential Rehabilitation	4 Weeks
3	Bushy Park, Ennis, Co. Clare	Short Stay Residential Rehabilitation	4 weeks
3	Cuan Mhuire, Bruree Limerick	Community Based Residential Detoxification	Alcohol – 1 to 6 days Drugs – 16 to 18 weeks approx.
3	Cuan Mhuire Bruree Co. Limerick	Long Stay Residential Rehabilitation	0 days Transition from completion of detox to commencement of treatment is seamless. No waiting time.
4	Cuan Mhuire Fernannes Co. Cork	Community Based Residential Detoxification	6 weeks



4	Cuan Mhuire Fernannes Co. Cork	Long Stay Residential Rehabilitation	6 weeks
4	Cuan Mhuire Western Road	Long Stay Residential Rehabilitation	3 weeks
4	Tabor Lodge Belgooly Co. Cork	Short Stay Residential Rehabilitation	2 weeks
4	Fellowship House	Step Down	2 weeks (both houses have merged 2021)
4	Renewal Womens	Step Down	
4	Talbot Grove Castleisland Co. Kerry	Short Stay Residential Rehabilitation	2 weeks
5	Aiseiri Wexford	Short Stay Residential Rehabilitation	2-4 weeks
5	Aiseiri Cahir Tipperary	Short Stay Residential Rehabilitation	2-4 weeks
5	Aiseiri Cahir Tipperary	Community Based Residential Detoxification	2-4weeks
5	Aiseirí Group Céim Eile, Waterford	Step Down - Men & Women Sober House - Men & Women	0 Days Door to Door (no waiting)
5	Aislinn Ballyragget Co. Kilkenny	Adolescent Residential Detoxification	4-6 weeks Pre-admission is offered to those who have completed the assessment criteria and are awaiting an admission date
5	Aislinn Ballyragget Co. Kilkenny	Adolescent Residential Rehabilitation	4-6 weeks Pre-admission is offered to those who have completed the assessment criteria and are awaiting an admission date
5	MQI St. Francis Farm, Tullow. Co. Carlow	Community Based Residential Detoxification	6.8 months
5	MQI St. Francis Farm, Tullow. Co. Carlow	Therapeutic Community	1.6 months
7	Cuan Dara	In-Patient Medical Detox	39.8 days
7	Dublin Simon detox	Detox	88 days avg
7	Dublin Simon Stabilisation	Short Stay Residential Rehabilitation	44 days avg
7	Cuan Mhuire Athy Alcohol Detoxification	Community Based Residential Detoxification	3-4 weeks

7	Cuan Mhuire Athy Our Lady's Drug Unit	Community Based Residential Detoxification	13 Weeks
7	Cuan Mhuire, Athy	Long Stay Residential Rehabilitation	On completion of detox for both alcohol and drugs all residents immediately commence their treatment programme in the appropriate unit here onsite
7	Rutland	Short Stay Residential Rehabilitation	26.4 days
8	Tabor House	Step down	3-4 weeks
9	Coolmine Ashleigh House	Therapeutic Community	2 months
9	Coolmine Ashleigh House	Community Based Residential Detoxification	1-3 months
9	Coolmine Ashleigh House	Step down	Door to Door Admission
9	Coolmine Lodge	Community Based Residential Detoxification	1-3 months
9	Coolmine Lodge Blanchardstown Dublin	Therapeutic Community	2 months
9	Peter McVerry Detox	Community Based Residential Detoxification	2 months
9	Peter McVerry Rehab	Short Stay Residential Rehabilitation	4-5 months
9	Suamhneas	Step Down	1 week
9	Stanhope	Short Stay Residential Rehabilitation	Not Residential
9	Keltoi	Short Stay Residential Rehabilitation	No waiting list closed March 2020
9	Peter McVerry Drug Free Housing	Step Down	Door to Door Admission
9	Daisyhouse	StepDown	Door to Door Admission from Suamhneas
9	MQI High Park, Grace Park Rd, D9.	Long Stay Residential Rehabilitation	4 months
9	Focus Ireland	Step Down	Door to Door Admission from Coolmine
National	Beaumont	In-Patient Medical Detox	14 – 18 weeks from the time of completed assessment