



01 March, 2021

Deputy Thomas Gould, TD
Dáil Eireann
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Re PQ: 6471/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of addiction counsellors currently employed by the HSE and as section 39 workers, respectively.

Dear Deputy Gould,

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 below Table, based on information supplied by the Community Health Organisations (CHOs) identifies the estimated number of addiction Counsellors (Whole Time Equivalent) currently employed by the HSE and funded by the HSE under Section 39 Service Arrangements.

HSE Addiction Counsellors	Section 39 (HSE funded) Addiction Counsellors
137.9	203.9

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Doyle
National Lead, Social Inclusion

