



4th July 2022

Deputy Thomas Gould, TD
Dáil Eireann
Kildare Street
Dublin 2.

Re PQ: 33124/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of needle exchanges by CHO; and if these are in a pharmacy or mobile in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Gould,

I refer to your above Parliamentary Question which had been referred by the Minister for Health to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

The National Pharmacy Needle Exchange programme provides for needle exchange in those Community Health Organisation (CHO) areas outside the greater Dublin. Within the CHO areas covering Dublin, there are a number of other needle exchanges in operation and these are a combination of fixed site and mobile services. The following table outline the number of needle exchanges per HSE CHOs:

Area	Pharmacy Needle Exchange	Other (fixed site and mobile)
CHO 1	9	
CHO 2	12	
CHO 3	12	2
CHO 4	16	1
CHO 5	14	8
CHO 6 & 7		16
CHO 8	28	1
CHO 9		9

Please note that Addiction Services in CHO 6 & 7 are provided together by a joined up HSE Addiction service for the two areas.



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 that reads "Eamon Keenan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Prof Eamon Keenan
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