

27th July, 2022

Deputy Thomas Gould, TD
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Re PQ No. 39253/22

To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time by facility for addiction rehabilitation and detox services.

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.

An analysis of the data provided in residential services within the National Drugs Treatment Reporting System (NDTRS) (see information about the [NDTRS](#)). **Waiting time** is calculated here as the number of days between date referred for treatment and date treatment commenced. Addiction treatment services may have different entry policies; therefore, data may not be directly comparable and should be interpreted with caution.

Under Action 5.1.47 of the National Drugs Strategy 2017-2025, all publicly funded drug and alcohol services are required to return data to the NDTRS. The analysis includes cases treated for problem alcohol or other drug use as a main problem in residential treatment services in Ireland in 2021. This includes cases treated in residential detoxification services and those who received a detoxification in a residential service. Once the exclusion criteria as outlined above were applied, 3,496 cases were treated in residential addiction rehabilitation and detox services in 2021. Of these 431 cases were treated in specialised inpatient detoxification services (Table 1).

Table 1: Number of cases treated in residential addiction rehabilitation and detox services, NDTRS 2021

	Total
Specialised inpatient detoxification service	431
Other inpatient treatment service	3065
Total	3496

In 2021, the median wait time for treatment for all cases treated in residential services was 20 days. This indicates that half of cases waited less than 20 days and half waited more than 20 days for treatment. Wait time for treatment varied across service providers. The median wait time (days) for treatment in 2021, for individual residential addiction services is outlined (Table 2).

Table 2: Average wait time (days) from referral to treatment start in HSE provided/ funded residential addiction rehabilitation and detox services, by service provider, NDTRS 2021

Service Provider	Number of cases	Median wait time (days)
Aiseiri, Tipperary	144	20.0
Aiseiri, Wexford	136	14.5
Aislinn Adolescent Treatment Addiction Services	116	21.0
Beaumont Hospital - St Michaels Ward	7	285.0
Bushy Park House	82	30.5
Coolmine Lodge	65	0.0
Coolmine - Ashleigh House	42	0.0
Cuan Dara, Cherry Orchard	79	99.0
Cuan Mhuire Coolarne Athenry	212	20.5
Cuan Mhuire Transition House Ballybay	9	11.0
Cuan Mhuire, Athy	560	17.0
Cuan Mhuire, Bruree	470	9.0
Cuan Mhuire, Farnanes	118	27.0
Daisyhouse Housing Association	<5	39.0
Dublin Simon Community Detox Unit	97	55.0
Dublin Simon Community HIV Respite Stabilisation Unit	72	39.0
Fellowship House, Cork	53	70.0
Hope House	73	30.0
Merchants Quay Ireland High Park	60	72.0
NOVAS McGarry House	7	0.0
Peter McVerry Trust, Residential Community Detox	61	61.0
Peter McVerry Trust Residential Community Treatment	50	66.5
Peter McVerry Trust Residential Stabilisation Service	84	98.5
Rutland centre	108	23.0
Simon Community Rehab Unit	23	15.0
St Francis Farm	56	170.0
Suaimhneas	5	15.0
Tabor House	18	63.0
Tabor Lodge	106	21.0
The Grove	175	7.0
Teach Mhuire Cork	17	1.0
Teach Mhuire Limerick (men only)	12	0.0
Teach Mhuire, Dublin (men only)	33	7.0
Teach Mhuire, Galway	14	28.0
Tiglin TCI	89	45.0
White Oaks Rehabilitation Centre	114	33.0

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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