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To ask the Minister for Health whether she will consider reconvening the HSE Working Group on Residential Treatment and Rehabilitation (Substance Users) to identify bed capacity issues currently; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Health Service Executive have 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 work of the HSE Working Group on Residential Treatment and Rehabilitation (Substance Users) concluded in 2007 with the publication of its report. Capacity of residential treatment services is now reviewed regularly through Unit Cost Analysis Studies of HSE-funded Tier 4 residential addiction treatment services. These have been carried out in 2011, 2015, 2017, and most recently in 2023. These studies examine funding received by services, costs of service provision, and capacity in each service.

In 2024, a new national monitoring system will be piloted with the support of CHO 4 in order to track HSE referrals to Tier 4 residential services, which will standardise information collected across CHO areas and identify patterns to facilitate informed long-term planning.

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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