

12th July 2023

Deputy Róisín Shortall, TD
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To ask the Minister for Health the number of alcohol and drug treatment centres provided by each private for-profit provider; the location of each centre; the costs of this provision per centre for 2021 and 2022; the bed capacity of each centre in 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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 HSE Addiction Services purchases treatment episodes in one private provider. The table below provides the details of the number of beds as of September 2021 and May 2022 and funding provided in 2021 and 2022 to Smarmore Castle.

Centre	No. of Beds 2021	No. of Beds 2022	No. of Beds May 2023	Funding 2021	Funding 2022
Smarmore Castle (Co. Meath)	12	16	11	84,500	84,500

The HSE Addiction Services cannot provide such information on other private for-profit providers operating in Ireland to which the HSE Addiction Services does not provide funding. It may be worth noting that the majority of Tier 4 residential services operated by NGOs and funded by the HSE also accept private patients.

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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