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To ask the Minister for Health the current demand for addiction treatment and rehabilitation services for women in Ireland; the number of women who accessed residential and community-based addiction services in each of the past three years; the number of facilities that provide gender-specific programmes or services for women with children; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Lawless,

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.

An analysis of the data provided on treatment services within the National Drugs Treatment Reporting System ([NDTRS](#)) includes all treatment cases reporting alcohol or drugs as a main problem. These cases were assessed and treated by service providers between 2022 and 2024 (2025 data will not be available until Q2, 2026), and reported to the NDTRS. Community-based addiction services include all outpatient, low-threshold and general practitioner cases of treatment and exclude cases treated in prison.

All services provide treatment to women. This analysis is based on the 430 active services that reported alcohol or drug treatment cases to the NDTRS during the period. Two residential services facilitate women to have their children with them during their treatment.

Table 1: Demand for addiction treatment services for women in Ireland – NDTRS 2022

Treatment type	Number of cases
Residential	1,195
Community-based services	4,894

Table 2: Demand for addiction treatment services for women in Ireland – NDTRS 2023

Treatment type	Number of cases
Residential	1,329
Community-based services	5,503

Table 3: Demand for addiction treatment services for women in Ireland – NDTRS 2024

Treatment type	Number of cases
Residential	1,277
Community-based services	5,878

Table 4: Demand for addiction treatment services for women in Ireland – NDTRS

2022-2024 combined

Treatment type	Number of cases
Residential	3,801
Community-based services	16,275

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



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