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To ask the Minister for Health the national reporting requirements for waiting times in addiction services; the reason no national dataset currently exists; and the timeline for introducing full national reporting of assessment and treatment waiting times.

Dear Deputy O'Flynn,

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.

The HSE monitors performance and activity against a range of Social Inclusion Key Performance Indicators outlined in the National Service Plan 2025. Performance Indicator activity data is held by the Service Area and is available upon request.

Finalised performance reports are available via the link below:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/>

The following metrics are reported on in relation to HSE addiction services;

- No. and % of substance users who present for treatment who receive an assessment within 2 weeks
- No. and % of substance users (over 18) for whom treatment has commenced within one calendar month following assessment
- No. and % of substance users (under 18 years) for whom treatment has commenced within one week following assessment
- No. and % of alcohol users who present for treatment who receive an assessment within 2 weeks
- No. and % of alcohol users (over 18) for whom treatment has commenced within one calendar month following assessment
- No. and % of alcohol users (under 18 years) for whom treatment has commenced within one week following assessment
- Mean time in Clinics from referral to assessment for opioid agonist treatment
- Mean time in Clinics from opioid agonist treatment assessment to treatment commenced.

For the Deputy's information, the new national drugs strategy, currently under development, will include a focus on evaluation and reporting, and a national reporting plan could be considered as part of this process.

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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