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Deputy Sherlock
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Re: 26694/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff working in adolescent addiction services, per IHA, per specialty, per funded WTE post and per filled WTE post; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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 table attached provides an overview the number of staff working in adolescent addiction services per regional health area. Each Integrated Health Area (IHA) has provided the Name of Adolescent Addiction Service, WTE Role, In Post or Vacant and if the service is HSE or Section 39.

Further details of individual services are available through the National Directory of Drugs and Alcohol Services at [Drugs.ie](https://drugs.ie).

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

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Doyle
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HSE RHA & IDA CODE LEGEND

RHA Code	RHA Text	IHA code	IHA Geographic Area	
2	HSE Dublin & Midlands	B3	<i>Kildare & West Wicklow</i>	1
2	HSE Dublin & Midlands	B4	<i>Midlands</i>	2
2	HSE Dublin & Midlands	B1	<i>Dublin South City & West</i>	3
2	HSE Dublin & Midlands	B2	<i>Dublin South West</i>	4
1	HSE Dublin & North East	A3	<i>Dublin North City & North West</i>	5
1	HSE Dublin & North East	A2	<i>Louth & Meath</i>	6
1	HSE Dublin & North East	A1	<i>Cavan & Monaghan</i>	7
1	HSE Dublin & North East	A4	<i>Dublin North</i>	8
3	HSE Dublin & South East	C3	<i>Dublin South East and Wicklow</i>	9
3	HSE Dublin & South East	C2	<i>Waterford and Wexford</i>	10
3	HSE Dublin & South East	C1	<i>Carlow, Kilkenny and South Tipperary</i>	11
3	HSE Dublin & South East	D3	<i>South & West Cork</i>	12
5	HSE Midwest	E1	<i>Limerick City, East & N Tipperary</i>	13
5	HSE Midwest	E2	<i>Clare, Limerick South & West</i>	14
4	HSE South West	D1	<i>North & East Cork</i>	15
4	HSE South West	D3	<i>South & West Cork</i>	16
4	HSE South West	D2	<i>Kerry</i>	17
6	HSE West & North West	F1	<i>Donegal</i>	18
6	HSE West & North West	F2	<i>Sligo, Leitrim, South Donegal & West Cavan</i>	19
6	HSE West & North West	F4	<i>Galway & Roscommon</i>	20
6	HSE West & North West	F3	<i>Mayo</i>	21

RHA: HSE Dublin & North East and HSE West & North West

<u>IHA Area</u>	<u>Name of Adolescent Addiction Service</u>	<u>WTE</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>In Post or Vacant</u>	<u>HSE or Section 39</u>
F1	HSE Addiction	1	Addiction Counsellor	In Post	HSE
F2	HSE Addiction Service Donegal	1	Addiction Counsellor	In Post	HSE
F1	HSE Addiction Service Donegal	1	Counsellor / support worker Under 18s and their families	Vacant	HSE
F1	Foroige Youth Addiction worker	1	Project worker	In Post	Section 39
F2	Foroige Youth Addiction worker	1	Project worker	In Post	Section 39
F2	Foroige Youth Addiction worker	1	Project worker	In Post	Section 39
A1	MACYSS	1	Therapeutic Practitioner	In Post	Section 39
A1	MACYSS	0.6	Service Manager	In Post	Section 39
A1	MACYSS	1	1 x Youth Mental Health and Substance Use Clinical Worker	In Post	Section 39

RHA: HSE West & North West

<u>IHA Area</u>	<u>Name of Adolescent Addiction Service</u>	<u>WTE</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>In Post or Vacant</u>	<u>HSE or Section 39</u>
F3	HSE West Drug & Alcohol Service	1.0	Addiction Counsellor	In Post	HSE
F4	HSE West Drug & Alcohol Service	1.0	Addiction Counsellor	In Post	Section 39
F4	HSE West Drug & Alcohol Service	0.6	Addiction Counsellor	Vacant	Section 39
F4	HSE West Drug & Alcohol Service	0.8	Addiction Counsellor	In Post	Section 39

RHA HSE Mid West

<u>IHA Area</u>	<u>Name of Adolescent Addiction Service</u>	<u>WTE</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>In Post or Vacant</u>	<u>HSE or Section 39</u>
E1 & E2	CSMT	1	Team Leader	In Post	Section 39
E1 & E2	CSMT	1	Project Worker	In Post	Section 39
E1 & E2	CSMT	1	Project Worker	In Post	Section 39
E1 & E2	CSMT	0.8	Social Worker	In Post	Section 39
E1 & E2	CSMT	0.9	Project Worker	In Post	Section 39
E1 & E2	CSMT	0.6	Project Worker	In Post	Section 39
E1 & E2	CSMT	0.6	Administrator	Vacant	Section 39
E1 & E2	CSMT	0.4	Administrator	In Post	Section 39

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E1 & E2					
E1 & E2	Be Well Team - Limerick Youth Service	1.0	Psychotherapist /Coordinator	In Post	SECTION 39
E1 & E2	as above	.5	Psychotherapist	In Post	Section 39
E1 & E2	as above	.5	Psychotherapist	In Post	Section 39

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E1 & E2	STC Gambling and Gaming Initiative (14yrs and up)	2.5	Addiction Counsellor x 2 Project Support/Family Support x .5	Currently filed	Section 39

RHA: HSE South West

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D1 & D3	HSE Adolescent Service	1.2	Snr Addiction Counsellor	In Post	HSE
		6	Staff Grade Addiction Counsellors	In Post	HSE
		1	Recovery Support Worker	In Post	Contract
		0.5	Admin	In Post	Contract
		0.5	Art Therapy	In Post	Contract
D2	HSE Adolescent Service	1	Addiction Counsellor	In Post	HSE
D1 & D3	Matt Talbot Adolescent Services	0.8	Clinical Lead	In Post	Section 39
		1	Coordinator	Vacant	Section 39
		2.8	Staff Grade Addiction Counsellors	In Post	Section 39
		2.8	Recovery Support Worker	In Post	Section 39
		1	Admin	In Post	Section 39

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C1 (National Coverage)	Aislinn Adolescent Treatment Centre Kilkenny	2.5	Household	In Post	Section 39
		1	Maintenance	In Post	Section 39
		5	Nurses	In Post	Section 39
		6	Counsellors	In Post	Section 39
		5	Care Workers	In Post	Section 39
		5	Management/Admin	In Post	Section 39
		0.5	Tutors	In Post	Section 39

RHA: HSE Dublin & Midlands

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B2	YoDA (Youth Drug and Alcohol Service)	1	Consultant Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist	In Post	HSE
B2	YoDA	1	NCHD Reg. Post	In Post	Agency at present, from July HSE
B2	YoDA	1	Clinical Nurse Specialist	In Post	HSE
B2	YoDA	1	Advanced Nurse Practitioner	In Post	HSE
B2	YoDA	1	Grade IV	In Post	HSE
B2	YoDA	1	Counsellor	In Post	HSE
B2	YoDA	1	Family Therapist	In Post	HSE
B2	YoDA	1	Family Therapist	Vacant – recruitment paperwork in progress	
B2	YoDA	1	Senior Counsellor Post 1	Accepted by Panel – await confirmation & start date	HSE
B2	YoDA	1	Senior Counsellor Post 2	Accepted by Panel – await confirmation & start date	HSE
B2	YoDA	1	Outreach	Awaiting Stage 2 approval circa Feb '25	
B2	YoDA	1	Senior Registrar	Due to commence 14 th July	National HST (Higher Specialist Training)

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B4	HSE CADS ADAPT (Midlands Area)	8	Social Care Lead Social Care Worker (Longford) Social Care Worker (Westmeath) Social Care Worker (Offaly) Social Care Worker (Laois) Counsellor (Midlands) CNS (Midlands) Clinical Psychologist (Midlands)	In Post In Post Vacant In Post In Post In Post Vacant (lost post in recruitment freeze) Vacant (lost post in recruitment freeze)	HSE HSE HSE HSE HSE HSE HSE HSE
A2	HSE SUST (Louth/Meath)	2	Counsellor Clinical Nurse Specialist	In Post Post advertised June 2025	HSE HSE

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A3, A4	SASSY (Substance Abuse Service Specific to Youth)	1	Consultant Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist	In Post	HSE
A3, A4	SASSY	1	Family support worker	In Post	HSE
A3, A4	SASSY	1	Family support therapist	In Post	HSE
A3	Salesian Youth Enterprise (Crinan)	1	Family Therapist	In Post	Section 39
A4	North Dublin Regional DATF	1	SAMH (substance abuse and mental health) co-ordinator	In Post	Section 39
A4	Donneycarney Youth project	1	Child and Family support worker	In Post	Section 39
A3, A4	Coolmine Therapeutic Community	1.5	PUP therapists	In Post	Section 39
A4	Preparing for Life Darndale	0.5	Playtherapist (Hidden harm)	In Post	Section 39
A3	Crosscare	1	Playtherapist (Hidden Harm)	In Post	Section 39
A4	Aster Family Resource Balbriggan	0.5	Playtherapy & child counselling	In Post	Section 39
A3	Ballymun Youth Action Programme	0.6	Infant/parent support programme	In Post	Section 39
A4	Baldoyle Family Resource centre	0.5	Child project worker	In Post	Section 39