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To ask the Minister for Health the support her Department provides for private medical facilities offering specific treatment for those suffering from addiction and substance abuse; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Connolly,

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 does not directly support 'private' addiction facilities, rather the HSE purchases residential care treatment episodes for people with drug and alcohol related addiction from a range of voluntary and private service providers. The duration of the treatment period is dependent on the different types of treatment and the length of the programme that a particular service runs. In general, detoxification lasts up to 6 weeks. A short stay typically ranges from 4 to 5 weeks, while a long stay can extend from 10 to 25 weeks. Therapeutic communities usually last between 14 and 36 weeks, and step-down programs range from 12 to 52 weeks. It is important to note that individuals may engage in more than one type of treatment: for example, starting with detoxification, then moving to a short or long stay, and finally transitioning to a step-down programme.

The HSE has established guideline rates for residential treatment episodes based on a Unit Cost Analysis (UCA) study. These range from approximately €1,500 for detoxification to €10,500 for combined detoxification and short-stay treatment. The HSE Service Level Agreement Holders agree specific rates with each service provider based on their individual results from the UCA and funding available.

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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