



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

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**PQ 13577/15**

\* To ask the Minister for Health the case load allocated per annum for each addiction counsellor employed by the Health Services Executive Drug Treatment Services for each year from 2006 to 2015.

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\* To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that caseloads now being allocated to individual addiction counsellors working in the Dublin Area have risen significantly and in some cases individual Health Service Executive addiction counsellors are being allocated excess of 200 cases per individual addiction counsellor.

Dear Deputy Ó Caoláin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

Information is not readily available for each individual counsellor. From the information that is available nationally there is an average caseload of 31 per counsellor. Caseloads are dependent on where the clinic is situated, on the complexity of clients presenting and the programmes being delivered by the counsellor.

I can confirm that there is no caseload in excess of 200 clients within either HSE Addiction Service covering the Dublin Region.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Doyle'.

Joseph Doyle,  
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