21st December, 2017

Deputy Billy Kelleher.
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PQ 53869/17
* To ask the Minister for Health the increase in addiction residential treatment beds and additional treatment episodes that has been provided in 2017.

Dear Deputy Kelleher,

The Health Service Executive has 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:

During 2017 the HSE purchased additional residential treatment and rehabilitation episodes following a unit cost exercise. This is done by examining a service’s continued viability and the cost of one treatment episode for each programme they provide for their clients. Rather than purchasing beds as such, this exercise was used to inform the HSE in its commissioning of additional residential treatment and rehabilitation episodes. In 2017 the National Office purchased 338 additional treatment episodes. There was no additional contribution requested from the client for these treatments.

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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