

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th JULY 2018**

Question

Will the Minister advise, in relation to the Drug and Alcohol Service –

- (a) how many patients have been treated for over 10 years by the Service, either consecutively or in total, without successful rehabilitation;
- (b) how many of these patients have been discharged and subsequently referred back more than once to the service within this period of time; and
- (c) what percentage of patients have been successfully rehabilitated in the last 10 years?

Answer

- a) The Alcohol & Drug Service began capturing data on Care Partner in 2006. Since then 3,035 individuals have been supported by the Alcohol and Drug Service. Of these, 83 individuals have been either been continuously involved with the service for 10 years or had multiple involvements that totalled more than 10 years.

Alcohol and drug treatment aims to keep people alive and thus safer until they are ready and able to come off their substance of misuse, even if this can take years to recover fully. Because they remain in treatment does not mean they are unsuccessful as they are continuing to reduce the harms of their addiction.

- b) Of the 83 individuals described above, 48 had been discharged and re-referred more than once. It is the Alcohol and Drug Service's policy to discharge individuals when they have either made progress and do not require or wish to have continuing involvement or where they have not engaged with the service available. It should be noted that the Alcohol and Drug Service operates an open referral system for all and is an all-age service, which aims to see individuals when they wish to be seen.
- c) Between 2006 and July 2015, a total of 2,405 individuals were discharged, of whom 1,584 (65%) had no further involvement with the service in the 3 years that followed which may be considered as evidence of successful rehabilitation.