

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4TH JULY 2017**

Question

Will the Minister inform members of the number of people receiving treatment from the Drug and Alcohol Service for each type of addiction and will he further advise members whether the level of funding for dealing with each category of addiction is sufficient to meet current demand?

Answer

Currently, the number of cases receiving treatment at the Alcohol and Drug Service is as follows:

Type of Addiction	Number of Cases
Alcohol	183
Drugs	146
Dual alcohol and drug issue	46
Total	375

The Drug and Alcohol Service has received funding as part of the redesign and transformation of the Health and Social Services system in Jersey (P82).

The need for alcohol and drug services can vary depending on a number of factors and clients can come from all walks of life – men and women, parents and young people, across all socio-economic and ethnic groups.

The need for different elements of the service can vary from substitute prescriptions to working with individuals using new psychoactive substances. Demand reflects the level and type of illicit drugs being used by the drug-using population in Jersey, influenced by national and international trends.

The management of the service takes into account these variances when planning services and prioritising resources. Current resources are sufficient to meet need; however, the need and demand for the service will be kept under review and any resource issues identified.