

ESTIMATES COMMITTEE

Question Taken on Notice

Date: 14 June 2018
Subject: 12 week residential rehabilitation program
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To: Hon. Natasha Fyles
Agency: Health

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Question: For the 12 week residential rehabilitation program, please detail how many people have been put into the program and how many people have successfully completed the full 12 week program

Answer:

It must be noted that people are not put into the program, but enter treatment voluntarily. A successful outcome in treatment services is not defined by length of time, but by subsequent behaviour change and improved health. It often takes multiple episodes of treatment and a combination of treatment interventions to achieve lasting benefits.

Between 1 July 2017 and 31 May 2018, 845 individuals commenced 966 episodes of residential rehabilitation treatment in non-government Alcohol and Other Drug Treatment Services.

As at 31 May 2018, 788 of these episodes were closed and 178 were still open, that is, the person was still attending the rehabilitation service.

The average length of stay for the closed episodes was 47 days. 79% of closed episodes recorded a length of stay of 11 weeks or less, while 21% lasted longer than 11 weeks.

Of the individuals engaging in residential rehabilitation in this period, it is common they have additional contacts with the treatment sector. These additional contacts included assessments, support and case management, counselling and withdrawal. On average, each client reported two episodes of treatment with two different treatment types and an average of 62 days of total engagement within the period.