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## Public Health Scotland Interim Monitoring Report on Residential Funded Placements

Dear Convener,

I am writing to inform Parliament that, in support of the Scottish Government's work into improving pathways into residential rehabilitation, the latest interim monitoring report on the number of funded residential rehabilitation placements has been published by Public Health Scotland.

These figures show a substantial increase on estimates from previous years, meaning more people in Scotland with problem drug and alcohol use are accessing residential treatment and support to aid their recovery.

Whilst these statistics do indicate progress, we recognise that more can still be done to get people into appropriate residential treatment in order to reduce harms and help with recovery.

Through our work on pathways into residential rehabilitation and investment in capacity, we aim to increase the number of placements by 300% over the next five years so that in 2026 at least 1,000 people are publically funded for their placement.

I hope this update has been helpful.

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Minister for Drugs Policy