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Ms. Sorca Clarke T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**Re: Parliamentary Question – 27715/20**

**To ask the Minister for Health the average difference for clients in counties Longford and Westmeath between the number of hours of assessed need and the actual allocated hours of homecare support - Sorca Clarke.**

Dear Deputy Clarke

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline response as follows.

All clients referred for home support in Longford and Westmeath are discussed together at the same forum. All applications are considered, assessed and discussed in the same way and home support is allocated to clients in both counties, with no differentiation based on address, using the information provided by the community clinicians. Home support hours are allocated based on assessed need

I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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