



13 March 2024

Deputy Jim O' Callaghan,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy O' Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ 54521/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours currently being provided in each LHO area as of 1 December 2023 or the latest date available; how that compares to target in each LHO for the same time period; the number of people currently on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; and the number waiting less than 6-12 12-18 and more than 18 months, in tabular form.

The Home Support Service is funded by Government to deliver a volume of service each year as approved in the HSE National Service Plan. It is a non-statutory service and access to the current service is based on assessment of the person's needs by the HSE and having regard to the available resources and the competing demands for the services.

Demand for home support continues to increase due to population growth and the increasing dependency of the growing numbers of people aged ≥80years, within the over 65 years' cohort. In the context of increasing demand, priority is given to those being discharged from acute hospitals who are in a position to return home with supports and to those in the community with acute needs. Funding approval is expedited across the system to ensure minimum waiting times, however there may be delays between the approval of funding and the commencement of service delivery, particularly in certain regions due to carer availability.

Available 2023 activity reflects the full year period to 31st December 2023. Data is preliminary and may be subject to change. Available waiting list data reflects those who have been assessed and waiting for the provision of Home support. Activity data relating to the length of time waiting is not held nationally and therefore we are not in a position to provide this information.

The December YTD data reported shows that that 22,115,738 hours were provided, ahead of target by +0.5% target and an increase of +6.4% or 1,322,968 hours when compared to the outturn for 2022. 55,652 people were in receipt of home support as at end December 2023 and as of that date, the total number of people assessed and waiting on funding approval was **0**, while the total number of people assessed and waiting for a carer to be assigned stood at **5,863**. Of the **5,863** waiting on a carer to be assigned, **3,067** are new clients and **2,796** are existing clients waiting on additional hours.

Appendix 1 details the breakdown of Home Support hour's delivered and targets by CHO/LHO level at the point in time position as at 31st December 2023 (YTD) period (preliminary data).



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Appendix 2 details the number of clients assessed and waiting for Home Support Services at by LHO/CHO at the point in time date of 31st December 2023 (YTD) period (preliminary data).

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1: Home Support hour's delivered and targets by CHO/LHO level at the point in time position as at 31st December 2023 (YTD) period (preliminary data).

CHO	LHO	TARGET YTD	SERVICE PROVISION YTD
		Full Year Target 2023	Hours Delivered Total
National Total		22,000,000	22,115,738
CHO 1	Total	2,415,000	2,537,443
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	572,143	613,990
CHO 1	Donegal	1,174,952	1,251,751
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	667,905	671,701
CHO 2	Total	2,370,534	2,224,539
CHO 2	Galway	1,237,787	1,152,485
CHO 2	Mayo	685,543	657,616
CHO 2	Roscommon	447,204	414,438
CHO 3	Total	1,982,600	1,905,399
CHO 3	Clare	668,969	621,494
CHO 3	Limerick	763,820	755,480
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	549,811	528,425
CHO 4	Total	2,986,933	2,810,156
CHO 4	Kerry	750,673	767,206
CHO 4	North Cork	455,713	408,570
CHO 4	North Lee	601,536	527,664
CHO 4	South Lee	821,232	775,826
CHO 4	West Cork	357,779	330,890
CHO 5	Total	2,112,933	1,923,461
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	584,675	491,029
CHO 5	South Tipperary	414,229	362,158
CHO 5	Waterford	429,605	441,542
CHO 5	Wexford	684,424	628,732
CHO 6	Total	1,840,000	1,949,137
CHO 6	Dublin South East	583,892	618,090
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	736,169	825,763
CHO 6	Wicklow	519,939	505,284
CHO 7	Total	2,318,400	2,517,814
CHO 7	Dublin South City	495,022	567,782
CHO 7	Dublin South West	632,421	707,383
CHO 7	Dublin West	490,389	510,643
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	700,568	732,006
CHO 8	Total	2,576,000	2,647,683
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	677,480	754,016
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	657,222	593,088
CHO 8	Louth	572,595	569,277
CHO 8	Meath	668,703	731,302
CHO 9	Total	3,397,600	3,600,106
CHO 9	Dublin North	1,392,770	1,502,687
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	1,013,894	1,002,169
CHO 9	Dublin North West	990,936	1,095,251



Appendix 2: The number of clients assessed and waiting for Home Support Services at by LHO/CHO at the point in time date of 31st December 2023 (YTD) period (preliminary data).

		WAITING LIST - DECEMBER 2023		
		Carers		
CHO	LHO	New	Additional	Total
National Total		3,067	2,796	5,863
CHO 1	Total	268	364	632
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	50	244	294
CHO 1	Donegal	169	77	246
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	49	43	92
CHO 2	Total	385	436	821
CHO 2	Galway	260	241	501
CHO 2	Mayo	112	111	223
CHO 2	Roscommon	13	84	97
CHO 3	Total	281	480	761
CHO 3	Clare	127	207	334
CHO 3	Limerick	86	193	279
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	68	80	148
CHO 4	Total	909	491	1,400
CHO 4	Kerry	108	40	148
CHO 4	North Cork	49	39	88
CHO 4	North Lee	102	61	163
CHO 4	South Lee	541	247	788
CHO 4	West Cork	109	104	213
CHO 5	Total	232	645	877
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	47	109	156
CHO 5	South Tipperary	74	80	154
CHO 5	Waterford	62	182	244
CHO 5	Wexford	49	274	323
CHO 6	Total	82	153	235
CHO 6	Dublin South East	10	39	49
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	5	37	42
CHO 6	Wicklow	67	77	144
CHO 7	Total	398	8	406
CHO 7	Dublin South City	12	-	12
CHO 7	Dublin South West	276	8	284
CHO 7	Dublin West	4	-	4
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	106	-	106
CHO 8	Total	494	218	712
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	325	-	325
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	110	92	202
CHO 8	Louth	30	61	91
CHO 8	Meath	29	65	94
CHO 9	Total	18	1	19
CHO 9	Dublin North	18	1	19
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	-	-	-
CHO 9	Dublin North West	-	-	-