



13th June 2024

Deputy 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 14473/24

To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours currently being provided in each LHO area as of 1 April 2024 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, 6-12, 12-18 and more than 18 months, in tabular form. -Jim O'Callaghan

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, 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 2024 activity reflect the full year period to date. 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 latest available activity data reflects the period to 30th April 2024. As of this date, 7,499,581 home support hours were delivered nationally to 55,544 people.* Of note, 590,887 more hours were delivered as at end of April 2024 when compared to the same period 2023. Also as of this date, 5,402 people were assessed and waiting on carer to be appointed. Of the 5,402 people waiting, 2,352 were waiting on a new home support service, while 3,050 people were already in receipt of a home support service but waiting on additional hours to commence. The number of people assessed and waiting on funding to be allocated has been nil since June 2023.

**Note: data is preliminary and may be subject to change*

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 30th April 2024 (YTD) period (preliminary data).

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 30th April 2024 (YTD) period (preliminary data).

Yours sincerely,

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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 30th April 2024 (YTD) period (preliminary data).

CHO	LHO	YTD Target	YTD Reporting
National Total		7,269,884	7,499,581
CHO1 Total		849,081	878,420
CHO1	Cavan Monaghan	201,157	205,673
CHO1	Donegal	413,098	444,444
CHO1	Sligo Leitrim	234,826	228,304
CHO2 Total		726,031	692,089
CHO2	Galway	378,905	391,173
CHO2	Mayo	212,601	204,406
CHO2	Roscommon	134,525	96,509
CHO3 Total		593,601	601,787
CHO3	Clare	196,050	202,865
CHO3	Limerick	233,584	220,754
CHO3	North Tipperary East Limerick	163,967	178,168
CHO4 Total		967,015	999,221
CHO4	Kerry	248,809	285,880
CHO4	North Cork	167,073	141,300
CHO4	North Lee	196,287	194,375
CHO4	South Lee	251,289	261,312
CHO4	West Cork	103,557	116,354
CHO5 Total		618,680	662,884
CHO5	Carlow Kilkenny	159,278	165,364
CHO5	South Tipperary	116,308	120,823
CHO5	Waterford	145,751	147,007
CHO5	Wexford	197,343	229,690
CHO6 Total		582,049	636,372
CHO6	Dublin South East	186,723	226,938
CHO6	Dun Laoghaire	240,992	256,998
CHO6	Wicklow	154,334	152,436
CHO7 Total		814,961	913,743
CHO7	Dublin South City	177,830	240,153
CHO7	Dublin South West	222,644	244,904
CHO7	Dublin West	172,760	176,428
CHO7	Kildare West Wicklow	241,727	252,258
CHO8 Total		898,724	877,050
CHO8	Laois Offaly	250,299	232,393
CHO8	Longford Westmeath	201,366	207,903
CHO8	Louth	198,720	202,536
CHO8	Meath	248,339	234,218
CHO9 Total		1,219,742	1,238,015
CHO9	Dublin North	504,824	535,805
CHO9	Dublin North Central	343,210	318,928
CHO9	Dublin North West	371,708	383,282

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 30th April 2024 (YTD) period (preliminary data).

CHO		2024		
		Total	New	Additional
National Total		5,402	2,352	3,050
CHO1 Total		659	271	388
CHO1	Cavan Monaghan	266	62	204
CHO1	Donegal	260	165	95
CHO1	Sligo Leitrim	133	44	89
CHO2 Total		788	390	398
CHO2	Galway	629	318	311
CHO2	Mayo	159	72	87
CHO2	Roscommon	-	-	-
CHO3 Total		763	200	563
CHO3	Clare	304	89	215
CHO3	Limerick	299	70	229
CHO3	North Tipperary East Limerick	160	41	119
CHO4 Total		1,284	789	495
CHO4	Kerry	101	46	55
CHO4	North Cork	84	43	41
CHO4	North Lee	173	99	74
CHO4	South Lee	786	529	257
CHO4	West Cork	140	72	68
CHO5 Total		876	148	728
CHO5	Carlow Kilkenny	179	41	138
CHO5	South Tipperary	142	28	114
CHO5	Waterford	217	43	174
CHO5	Wexford	338	36	302
CHO6 Total		239	93	146
CHO6	Dublin South East	90	30	60
CHO6	Dun Laoghaire	5	4	1
CHO6	Wicklow	144	59	85
CHO7 Total		280	280	-
CHO7	Dublin South City	3	3	-
CHO7	Dublin South West	223	223	-
CHO7	Dublin West	1	1	-
CHO7	Kildare West Wicklow	53	53	-
CHO8 Total		505	175	330
CHO8	Laois Offaly	115	10	105
CHO8	Longford Westmeath	169	91	78
CHO8	Louth	82	18	64
CHO8	Meath	139	56	83
CHO9 Total		8	6	2
CHO9	Dublin North	8	6	2
CHO9	Dublin North Central	-	-	-
CHO9	Dublin North West	-	-	-