



14<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**Deputy Michael Fitzmaurice,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.**

**Dear Deputy Fitzmaurice,**

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

**PQ 25353/24**

**To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding drawn down for the complex needs homecare package in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**PQ 25354/24**

**To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of funding drawn down in 2023 for the complex needs homecare package, out of the overall budget for the complex needs homecare package; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

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 service.

An Intensive Home Care Package/Complex Case Home Support relates to those Home Support clients with higher levels of assessed care needs or complexity, in receipt of a considerably higher value of supports in the community:

- To provide a higher level and range of services to older people with complex needs
- To tailor home care delivery to the needs of recipients
- To support people living with dementia and their families
- To prevent or delay admission to long term residential care and
- Prevent attendance/admission to A&E/acute hospital

The latest available reported data reflects the period to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024. As of this date, there were 69 people in receipt of an Intensive Homecare Package/Complex Case Home Support nationally. The funding stream available for IHCPss/Complex Cases is €9m annually.

In addition to Intensive Home Care Packages/Complex Case Home Support, the HSE continues to provide mainstream Home Support and other appropriate community based supports such as day care, respite etc. to people whose needs have been assessed as requiring these supports and within available resources.

Yours sincerely,

*Kathleen Jordan*

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