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Deputy Imelda Munster T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Dublin 2

RE: PQ 13406/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of people that were on the waiting list for homecare packages in counties Louth and Meath, at the end of each year from 2018 to 2023, in tabular form – Imelda Munster

Dear Deputy Munster,

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 outlined the position as follows.

Meath Waiting List		Louth Waiting List	
2018	72	2018	Not available
2019	Not available	2019	Not available
2020	291	2020	Not available
2021	Not available	2021	39
2022	Not available	2022	59
2023	44	2023	30

Unfortunately, we are unable to supply the necessary information for 2018, 2019, 2021, & 2022 due to the Cyber Attack in the HSE in 2021 most of our stored Data was lost.

The Home Support Service continues to make every effort to source carers to fill the approved packages of care as quickly as possible, however, due to a lack of carer availability, this can at times, take some time.

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

Yours sincerely,

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