



6th 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 Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ: 22151/24

To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list for home support for each month in 2024, in each CHO and LHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Michael Fitzmaurice

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. The volume and type of service provided to each client is based on individually assessed care needs and will vary dependent on the needs identified and the resources available to meet those needs.

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.

Latest available data reflects the period up to the 31st of March, 2024. As of this date the total number of people assessed and waiting for a carer to be assigned stood at 5,708. Of the 5,708 waiting on a carer to be assigned, 2,716 are new clients and 2,992 are existing clients waiting on additional service. As of same date, the number of people assessed for Home Support and waiting on funding approval stood at zero.

Please see Appendix 1 hereunder.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1. Details the number of clients assessed and waiting for care staff for the provision of Home Support for each month in 2024, in each CHO and LHO.

Carers - Total [New & Additional]

CHO	LHO	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24
National Total		5,532	5,557	5,708
CHO1 Total		617	652	692
CHO1	Cavan Monaghan	286	269	269
CHO1	Donegal	246	286	277
CHO1	Sligo Leitrim	85	97	146
CHO2 Total		841	909	935
CHO2	Galway	522	585	597
CHO2	Mayo	220	224	225
CHO2	Roscommon	99	100	113
CHO3 Total		772	715	794
CHO3	Clare	368	280	318
CHO3	Limerick	278	287	285
CHO3	North Tipperary East Limerick	126	148	191
CHO4 Total		1,196	1,210	1,302
CHO4	Kerry	100	89	58
CHO4	North Cork	70	73	90
CHO4	North Lee	128	143	172
CHO4	South Lee	751	764	840
CHO4	West Cork	147	141	142
CHO5 Total		822	901	869
CHO5	Carlow Kilkenny	175	198	177
CHO5	South Tipperary	121	159	144
CHO5	Waterford	189	176	180
CHO5	Wexford	337	368	368
CHO6 Total		295	263	252
CHO6	Dublin South East	117	107	60
CHO6	Dun Laoghaire	53	37	45
CHO6	Wicklow	125	119	147
CHO7 Total		422	374	311
CHO7	Dublin South City	22	-	-
CHO7	Dublin South West	313	263	251
CHO7	Dublin West	4	1	2
CHO7	Kildare West Wicklow	83	110	58
CHO8 Total		558	527	546
CHO8	Laois Offaly	137	123	146
CHO8	Longford Westmeath	208	167	170
CHO8	Louth	124	118	125
CHO8	Meath	89	119	105
CHO9 Total		9	6	7
CHO9	Dublin North	9	6	7
CHO9	Dublin North Central	-	-	-
CHO9	Dublin North West	-	-	-