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Deputy David Cullinane,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 38724/24

To ask the Minister for Health the total funding allocated and spent in each CHO for each year from 2022 to date in 2024, on intensive home care packages and dementia-specific packages; the number of hours sought, approved, and delivered, 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, 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.

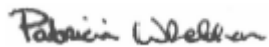
Home Support aims to enable people to continue to live in their own homes with confidence, security and dignity. It is a non-statutory service and access to the current service is based on assessment of the person's needs by the HSE; having regard to available resources and the competing demands for the services. There is no charge for clients for the Home Support service currently provided through the HSE. Demand for Home Support, and its importance as an alternative service to long stay care, has grown considerably over the past number of years and the type of home support that is now required to meet the needs of the population is a more person-centred personal care model. See Appendix 1 below for overall growth in Home Support service provision from 2019 to 2023, wherein it shows that there has been a 26.5% growth in Home Support since 2019.

The roll out of Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs) commenced in Q4 2014. Intensive Home Care Packages relate to Home Support clients with higher levels of assessed care needs or complexity. With regard to your request for data in relation to IHCP expenditure, please see Appendix 2 below, which sets out the total expenditure in each of the years requested. Please note that the data below relates to service users in receipt of Intensive Home Care Package funding, and a breakdown of those clients with a diagnosis of dementia, is also included.

Please note that there is no waiting list for approval of Intensive Home Care Packages. In addition, data in relation to IHCP hours delivered are not currently collated nationally. This information may be available locally.

In addition to Intensive Home Care Packages and various other initiatives to support older people to remain in their own homes, 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 are within available resources.

Yours sincerely,



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Appendix 1 – Growth in Home Support 2019 to 2023

Year	Hours Delivered	Growth YoY	% Growth YoY	Growth since 2019/ Numerical	Growth since 2019/ Percentage
2019	17,484,366				
2020	17,554,181	69,815	0.4%	69,815	0.4%
2021	20,462,993	2,908,812	16.6%	2,978,627	17.0%
2022	20,792,772	329,779	1.6%	3,308,406	18.9%
2023	22,115,738	1,322,966	6.4%	4,631,372	26.5%

Appendix 2 – IHCP Expenditure in each year from 2022-2024 (as at 31.08.2024)

Invoices Paid	2022	2023	2024
Dementia: YES	€2.371m	€1.558m	€0.847m
Dementia: NO	€1.533m	€1.464m	€0.942m
Total IHCP	€3.904m	€3.022m	€1.789m