

Ms Pauline Tully TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

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Re: PQ ref 43044/24 - People in Counties Cavan and Monaghan Awaiting Home Support due to Staff Shortages

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of people that were awarded homecare support in County Cavan and County Monaghan but are still awaiting this service to begin due to staff shortage.” - Pauline Tully

Dear Deputy Tully,

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 the following outlines the position.

Cavan Monaghan Home Support Service provides support in personal care to approximately 1600 older persons and disability clients across counties Cavan and Monaghan. The demand and increase in complexities for Older Persons has grown by 14% over the past 3 years. Cavan Monaghan Home Support are currently operating within their current service allocation, as funded by the National Service Plan.

Service Users are removed from the home support waiting list in chronological order when resources become available in each geographical area.

Cavan Monaghan Home Support waiting list consists of the following:

Category	Service Users	Number of hours
New Service	54	248
Current Service waiting on additional hours	177	521

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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