



08th November 2024.

Deputy Niamh Smyth,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Smyth,

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 43637/24

To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours delivered in the following years 2018 to 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Niamh Smyth

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 Home Support Service is managed by the local Home Support Management Team within each Community Healthcare Organisation/Health Region to ensure that this key service is available at the required times, in a flexible way and at the appropriate standard to support clients' assessed needs.

Please see Appendix 1. detailing home support hours delivered in each year from 2018 to the latest available YTD data as at 30th September 2024.

Please note 2024 data quoted is preliminary and may be subject to change.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1.

Home Support hour delivered in each year from 2018 to the latest available data YTD as at 30th September 2024.

Home Support Activity - Total Hours Delivered *per Year*

| Year | Description | Total Hours Delivered |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| 2024 | Total Hours Delivered | 17,079,143 |
| 2023 | Total Hours Delivered | 22,115,738 |
| 2022 | Total Hours Delivered | 20,792,772 |
| 2021 | Total Hours Delivered | 20,462,993 |
| 2020 | Total Hours Delivered | 17,554,181 |
| 2019 | Total Hours Delivered | 17,484,366 |
| 2018 | Total Hours Delivered | 17,130,453 |