



Deputy Patricia Ryan
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

23rd September 2024

Dear Deputy Ryan,

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: 36033/24

To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support interRAI assessments completed in 2023 and to date in 2024, including a comparison with targets for same interRAI assessments, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Patricia Ryan

HSE Response:

The HSE and the Department of Health have made the decision to implement interRAI as the care needs assessment of choice. The implementation of interRAI for home support was prioritised as a core component to ensure readiness for the pending Regulations for the Providers of Home Support Services, the Statutory Home Support Scheme (SHSS) and the HSE Future Home Support Service Operating Model (FHSSOM).

The following table outlines the number of home support interRAI assessments completed in 2023 and to date in 2024, including a comparison with targets for same;

Year	2023	2024 (To Date – 31/08/2024)
Target	12,012	12,012
Actual (no.)	2086	2046
% Target Reached	17.3%	17%



Implementation of interRAI continues to be progressed nationally by the HSE across home support services as part of the development of a standardised home support operating model. A national Home Support interRAI Governance structure has been established to guide the implementation of standardised needs assessment processes using interRAI to assist Home Support decision making and service allocation across the Regional Health Areas. An anticipated increase in activity of care needs is anticipated in line with the planned reform of Home Support Services.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Whelan".

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