



6<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

Deputy Aidan Farrelly,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Farrelly,

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: 1468/25**

**To ask the Minister for Health the amount expended on home help and home care, by month in 2024; the amount paid to private agencies for the provision of these services; and if he will provide the company name of the top five beneficiaries of payment . -Aidan Farrelly**

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.

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. 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.

As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 YTD (latest available preliminary data), 23.76m Home Support hours were delivered nationally to 58,546 people, an increase of +5.2% in the number of hours delivered when compared to the same period last year. As of the same date, reported data shows that 36% of service was delivered directly by the HSE, with the remaining 64% being delivered indirectly via Approved Providers appointed to the Home Support Authorisation Scheme.

Overall expenditure in 2024 amounted to circa €786m, of which circa €520m related to indirect service provision. Your request for data on the "*top 5 beneficiaries of payment*" relative to indirect home support service provision cannot be provided as this information is deemed commercially sensitive and release of such information has the potential to undermine the operation of the Home Support Authorisation Scheme.

Yours sincerely,

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