



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

**Minister Jim O’Callaghan**  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**Dear Minister O’Callaghan,**

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: 1735/25**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of home care support hours for older people provided in each LHO area in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jim O’Callaghan**

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 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. Please see Appendix 1 below, which sets out the year end position with regards to Home Support service provision.

The HSE is currently transitioning to the new Regional Health Areas (RHAs) structure in line with Sláintecare. Pending finalisation of the structures and the associated data reporting pathways, Home Support data is provided at CHO level.

Yours sincerely,

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**Appendix 1. Details the total number of Home Support hours delivered as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 YTD**

**Home Support Activity - Total Hours Delivered**

<b>CHO</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>National Total</b>		<b>23,763,351</b>
<b>CHO1</b>	Total Hours Delivered	2,797,893
<b>CHO2</b>	Total Hours Delivered	2,205,218
<b>CHO3</b>	Total Hours Delivered	1,880,353
<b>CHO4</b>	Total Hours Delivered	3,148,597
<b>CHO5</b>	Total Hours Delivered	2,041,623
<b>CHO6</b>	Total Hours Delivered	2,046,475
<b>CHO7</b>	Total Hours Delivered	3,005,559
<b>CHO8</b>	Total Hours Delivered	2,763,949
<b>CHO9</b>	Total Hours Delivered	3,873,684