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To ask the Minister for Health if additional funding can be made available to County Donegal to employ home help assistants to alleviate waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Doherty

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 can advise that the budget allocated to the Donegal Home Care Service for 2019 is €19,503,489. This allocation is an increase on the 2018/19 budget, which was €17.8 million, and will be used by the Service to progress the delivery of personal care to patients with high level dependency needs. The Service in Donegal is currently being provided to 2,000 clients by 500 Home Care Support Assistants.

I hope that this is of assistance, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely,

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