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Deputy Louise O'Reilly, TD  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
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Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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 19/16467**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons waiting for home support packages at 31 March 2018 and 31 March 2019; the waiting lists for homecare packages by CHO and LHO in tabular form at the same dates; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**PQ 19/16468**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support packages provided for the first quarter of 2018 compared to the number provided in the first quarter of 2019 by CHO and LHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**PQ 19/17762**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons waiting for home support packages; and the waiting lists for homecare packages by CHO and LHO in tabular form

The 2019 National Service Plan 2019 provides for the following;

- 17.9m home support hours to be delivered to 53,000 people inclusive of 410,000 hours/550 home support packages funded under the Winter Initiative 2018/2019
- Intensive Home Care Packages delivered to approximately 235 people with approximately 360,000 hours delivered in the full year

Since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2018, with the approval of the Department of Health, the HSE has moved to a new model of service for home support services - the single funded Home Support Service, which amalgamates the previous model of two separate services (Homecare Packages and Home Help Hours).

Preliminary data currently available reflects the period to the end of March 2019. As of this date, 4,215,754 home support hours were delivered nationally while 6,238 people were waiting for funding for their home support service. For comparison purposes, please see Appendix 1 below for the comparison periods, March 2018 to March 2019

The Department is currently engaged in a detailed process to determine what type of home care scheme is best for Ireland. This process will consider the future design of both the funding and regulation systems for these essential services.

## Appendix 1

Total Number of Home Support Hours Being Provided in Each LHO - Marc 2019 YTD & Mar 2018 YTD and the Number of People Waiting for a Home Support Service in the same period

PQ 19/16467 & 19/16468 -Louise O'Reilly		Waiting List		Activity	
CHO	LHO	Mar-18	Mar-19	Mar-18	Mar-19
<b>National Total</b>		<b>6,458</b>	<b>6,238</b>	<b>4,133,558</b>	<b>4,215,754</b>
CHO 1	<b>Total</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>384,394</b>	<b>431,668</b>
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	156	253	106,510	121,904
CHO 1	Donegal	147	161	163,053	187,034
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	0	105	114,831	122,730
CHO 2	<b>Total</b>	<b>1482</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>430,832</b>	<b>447,569</b>
CHO 2	Galway	724	307	235,883	236,698
CHO 2	Mayo	467	334	124,823	131,563
CHO 2	Roscommon	291	147	70,127	79,309
CHO 3	<b>Total</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>350,344</b>	<b>361,036</b>
CHO 3	Clare	370	381	105,214	118,426
CHO 3	Limerick	72	85	134,973	133,993
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	53	17	110,157	108,618
CHO 4	<b>Total</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>619,054</b>	<b>631,753</b>
CHO 4	Kerry	0	0	156,430	157,196
CHO 4	North Cork	0	0	98,554	98,716
CHO 4	North Lee	0	0	123,743	132,506
CHO 4	South Lee	69	27	159,386	165,292
CHO 4	West Cork	149	92	80,943	78,042
CHO 5	<b>Total</b>	<b>581</b>	<b>610</b>	<b>445,139</b>	<b>495,671</b>
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	0	0	117,760	126,135
CHO 5	South Tipperary	0	0	87,267	100,890
CHO 5	Waterford	44	31	90,768	92,221
CHO 5	Wexford	537	579	149,344	176,426
CHO 6	<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>324,655</b>	<b>320,296</b>
CHO 6	Dublin South East	0	0	89,823	81,186
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	123	0	114,079	113,753
CHO 6	Wicklow	210	196	120,753	125,359
CHO 7	<b>Total</b>	<b>724</b>	<b>1176</b>	<b>482,339</b>	<b>459,308</b>
CHO 7	Dublin South City	93	336	102,627	87,687
CHO 7	Dublin South West	250	236	118,516	111,157
CHO 7	Dublin West	261	278	110,737	93,021
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	120	326	150,459	167,442
CHO 8	<b>Total</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>542</b>	<b>382,679</b>	<b>410,947</b>
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	698	369	93,640	107,423
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	62	9	79,851	91,315
CHO 8	Louth	3	0	110,199	99,980
CHO 8	Meath	163	164	98,991	112,230
CHO 9	<b>Total</b>	<b>1396</b>	<b>1805</b>	<b>714,124</b>	<b>657,505</b>
CHO 9	Dublin North	572	834	296,569	239,028
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	144	214	215,409	228,815
CHO 9	Dublin North West	680	757	202,146	189,662