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Deputy Peadar Tóibín, TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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 17720/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours allocated under the homecare package in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in each county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

From 1st January 2018, with the approval of the Department of Health, the funding for both the former Home Help Service and the Home Care Package Scheme was combined into a single service, now known as the Home Support Service for Older People.

Since that date, home support activity reflects the total hours and clients across the Home Support Service for Older People, being the totality of the amalgamated former Home Help Service and Home Care Package Scheme. Activity in relation to Intensive Home Care Packages is reflected separately. This new approach has provided significant benefits for the service users, the public and the health system with the services easier to understand overall.

The 2019 National Service Plan 2019 provides for;

- 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

Table 1 outlines the number of home help hours & Home Care Packages provided by the HSE for each of the years 2016 & 2017, the total number of home support hours provided in 2018 and March YTD 2019 by Community Healthcare Organisation and Local Health Office.

The geographical divisions within which community based services operate is on the basis of Local Health Offices which for a considerable number align with county boundaries. Others however do not align with counties e.g.



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Laois, Offaly, North Cork and LHOs in the Dublin area. Data is collated on the basis of the Local Health Offices. The LHOs are in turn grouped into Community Healthcare Organisations under the control of the Chief Officer.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Sandra Tuohy'.

Sandra Tuohy
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Table 1 – Home Support Activity: 2016 to 2019 (figures as at 31st December in each year & YTD 2019)

PQ: 17762/19 - Peadar Tóibín TD		2016		2017		2018	2019 - March YTD
CHO	LHO	HCPs	Home Help Hours	HCPs	Home Help Hours	Home Support Hours Provided (Outturn)	Home Support Hours Provided
National Total		16,354	10,547,393	19,807	10,385,804	17,130,453	4,215,754
CHO 1	Total	1,348	1,462,678	1,378	1,442,142	1,694,036	431,668
	Cavan Monaghan	589	359,726	608	369,607	469,617	121,904
	Donegal	455	669,886	469	666,181	736,345	187,034
	Sligo Leitrim	304	433,067	301	406,354	488,074	122,730
CHO 2	Total	1,375	1,384,164	1,912	1,353,387	1,787,709	447,569
	Galway	638	735,241	1,039	691,096	961,668	236,698
	Mayo	491	401,447	600	426,410	511,271	131,563
	Roscommon	246	247,476	273	235,882	314,770	79,309
CHO 3	Total	1,028	960,387	1,149	922,108	1,456,803	361,036
	Clare	287	223,580	380	193,583	439,909	118,426
	Limerick	498	389,776	465	392,134	562,219	133,993
	North Tipperary East Limerick	243	347,031	304	336,391	454,675	108,618
CHO 4	Total	1,434	1,983,144	1,557	1,995,759	2,707,162	631,753
	Kerry	516	517,256	591	550,888	680,086	157,196
	North Cork	143	347,110	139	324,656	430,092	98,716
	North Lee	299	363,516	314	349,064	548,201	132,506
	South Lee	373	448,067	412	463,446	701,401	165,292
	West Cork	103	307,195	101	307,705	347,382	78,042
CHO 5	Total	1,044	1,213,568	1,242	1,146,958	1,927,217	495,671
	Carlow Kilkenny	212	295,606	220	274,633	500,995	126,135
	South Tipperary	309	280,076	367	259,077	393,837	100,890
	Waterford	161	274,364	274	228,844	381,853	92,221
	Wexford	362	363,522	381	384,404	650,532	176,426
CHO 6	Total	1,836	388,951	2,221	337,968	1,301,981	320,296
	Dublin South East	646	91,849	841	76,154	355,038	81,186
	Dun Laoghaire	779	87,402	841	85,835	459,712	113,753
	Wicklow	411	209,701	539	175,979	487,232	125,359
CHO 7	Total	1,953	714,997	3,060	638,601	1,880,560	459,308
	Dublin South City	420	124,660	606	105,686	397,457	87,687
	Dublin South West	629	121,711	1,015	103,063	483,586	111,157
	Dublin West	427	166,471	705	114,552	444,711	93,021
	Kildare West Wicklow	477	302,155	734	315,300	554,806	167,442
CHO 8	Total	2,300	1,294,111	2,681	1,249,355	1,616,808	410,947
	Laois Offaly	624	312,378	656	297,874	417,136	107,423
	Longford Westmeath	322	254,829	468	255,136	346,950	91,315
	Louth	914	226,395	1,061	232,091	421,537	99,980
	Meath	440	500,508	496	464,255	431,186	112,230
CHO 9	Total	4,036	1,145,393	4,607	1,299,527	2,758,176	657,505
	Dublin North	1,697	442,311	1,853	491,480	1,086,803	239,028
	Dublin North Central	1,141	432,363	1,406	465,229	888,469	228,815
	Dublin North West	1,198	270,719	1,348	342,818	782,904	189,662