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Deputy Stephen S. Donnelly, TD  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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: 50881/19**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the fair deal scheme at the end of November 2019 or latest date available; the average waiting time; the numbers of persons awaiting placement under the scheme in tabular form; and the length of time waiting- Stephen Donnelly.

**The number of persons awaiting placement under the Fair Deal Scheme**

As at the 25<sup>th</sup> of November the Nursing Homes Support Scheme had a total of 190 clients on the placement list awaiting funding.

**The average waiting time**

The average wait time for each client on the Nursing Homes Support Scheme placement list as at the 25<sup>th</sup> of November is 4 weeks.

**The number of persons awaiting placement under the scheme in each LHO area in tabular form**

(Appendix 1)

**The length of time waiting**

The Nursing Homes Support Scheme operates a National Waiting list for funding. There is therefore no distinction between waiting times experienced by clients across LHO. Funding provided by the Nursing Homes Support Scheme continues to be allocated on a strict chronological order basis. There is only one waiting list nationally so there are no variances around the country.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

Sandra Tuohy

Assistant National Director, Head of Operations & Service Improvement  
Services for Older People

## Appendix 1:

### Waiting List as at 25/11/2019

LHO Area	Waiting List
Cavan Monaghan	4
Donegal	6
Sligo Leitrim	7
Galway	12
Mayo	4
Roscommon	8
Clare	3
Limerick	4
North Tipperary	6
Cork North Lee	5
Cork South Lee	9
Kerry	3
North Cork	4
West Cork	4
Carlow Kilkenny	6
Tipperary South	8
Waterford	4
Wexford	5
Area 1 Dun Laoghaire	4
Area 10 Wicklow	9
Area 2 Dublin South East	5
Area 3 Dublin South City	4
Area 4 Dublin South West	9
Area 5 Dublin West	6
Area 9 Kildare	8
Laois Offaly	10
Longford Westmeath	11
Louth	8
Meath	9
Dublin North Central	2
Dublin North West	2
Northern Area	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>190</b>