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Deputy Stephen S Donnelly, TD
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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 50887/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours being provided in each LHO area to the end of November 2019 or the latest date available; the way in which it compares to the target in each LHO for the same time period; the number of persons on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months in tabular form - Stephen Donnelly.

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

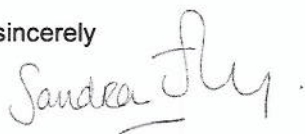
Preliminary data currently available reflects the period to the end of October 2019. As of this date, 14,550,922 home support hours were delivered nationally to 51,404 people. Also, as of this date, there were 7,881 people waiting for funding for home support. It is important to note that the HSE has delivered an increase of 295,729 hours when compared to the same period in 2018.

€2m additional funding has been allocated under Winter Plan 2019/2020 to support 600 clients off the community Home Support Waiting list and 510 Home Support Packages funded for hospital egress. These additional HSPs are currently being allocated across the CHOs.

Data in the detailed format requested (i.e. number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months respectively) is not currently collated nationally. While the information is available locally from client records, it would require considerable resources to gather this information centrally.

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.

Yours sincerely



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Appendix 1 – Home Support Activity: October 2019 (Preliminary Data)

Home Support - October 2019				
CHO	LHO	Target YTD	Hours YTD	Waiting List
National Total		14,942,551	14,550,922	7,881
CHO 1	Total	1,429,963	1,398,108	749
	Cavan Monaghan	359,265	363,162	303
	Donegal	638,734	630,707	286
	Sligo Leitrim	431,964	404,239	160
CHO 2	Total	1,650,763	1,530,811	732
	Galway	804,120	795,090	258
	Mayo	540,541	459,719	317
	Roscommon	306,102	276,003	157
CHO 3	Total	1,228,493	1,268,236	958
	Clare	368,547	387,986	526
	Limerick	491,399	488,078	335
	North Tipperary East Lime	368,547	392,172	97
CHO 4	Total	2,335,378	2,316,446	493
	Kerry	677,545	590,908	43
	North Cork	389,335	352,902	47
	North Lee	480,744	485,437	131
	South Lee	454,763	600,093	84
	West Cork	332,991	287,106	188
CHO 5	Total	1,624,106	1,640,943	1,221
	Carlow Kilkenny	409,118	423,631	-
	South Tipperary	328,574	331,568	103
	Waterford	405,860	310,347	244
	Wexford	480,554	575,397	874
CHO 6	Total	1,124,381	1,135,474	23
	Dublin South East	300,577	292,261	-
	Dun Laoghaire	225,433	427,197	-
	Wicklow	598,371	416,016	23
	Total	1,774,028	1,641,551	939
CHO 7	Dublin South City	277,318	309,974	260
	Dublin South West	443,047	414,802	230
	Dublin West	278,688	332,231	195
	Kildare West Wicklow	774,975	584,544	254
	Total	1,432,551	1,405,322	845
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	350,000	360,938	138
	Longford Westmeath	284,878	325,093	92
	Louth	374,419	334,272	161
	Meath	423,254	385,019	454
	Total	2,342,888	2,214,033	1,921
CHO 9	Dublin North	965,927	793,989	839
	Dublin North Central	822,065	762,042	196
	Dublin North West	554,896	658,001	886