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Deputy Fiona O'Loughlin
Dail Eireann
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PQ 51199/19

To ask the Minister for Health if delays being experienced in the delivery of homecare packages in the CHO7 areas in counties Kildare and Wicklow will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter

-Fiona O'Loughlin

Dear Deputy

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.

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 has been combined into a single service now known as the Home Support Service.

Whilst our home support budget is significant it is finite and we are obliged to operate within our allocated resources. Due to the overwhelming demands for Home Support that continues to rise, a waiting list is in effect. There are 252 persons waiting on funding for Home Support in the Kildare West Wicklow area. We are dependent on home support hours to return to our system through recycling which we commenced in February 2019.

In addition to attempting to facilitate as many discharges from the acute services particularly over the coming winter months, we will continue to work with our colleagues in the community in identifying those persons who are most vulnerable and at risk.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or should require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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