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Re: PQ ref 52440/19 - SFOPPQ19052(7) – Increase in Funding for Home Support Hours in Counties Cavan and Monaghan in 2020

(Details)

To ask the Minister for Health if a substantial increase in funding will be ensured for home support hours in counties Cavan and Monaghan in 2020 in view of delays in having such support provided for patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Brendan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

I refer to your recent correspondence received in my office regarding an increase of Home Support hours in Counties Cavan and Monaghan in 2020.

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the current position in relation to numbers of people currently in receipt of home support. The below table demonstrates the increase in number clients who received homecare from October 2019 to November 2019 and it demonstrates the impact of the additional winter funding on the waiting lists.

Breakdown of Home Support figures		
	October 2019	November 2019
Total Number of clients in receipt of Home Support Cavan Monaghan	1122	1131
Total number of hours Home Support delivered to Clients across Cavan Monaghan	31072.75	35012
Total number waiting on additional services	148	124
Total number waiting on new services	153	131

While the resources for the provision of home support are substantial, they are finite. Our aim is to be as responsive as possible to all applications; however, given the changing demographics and limitation of the resource, delays can occur. In this context, those clients who are assessed and who are not being provided immediately

with a service, are prioritised based on the clinical assessment and are placed on a waiting list for a resource as it becomes available.

I am not currently in a position to advise if additional resources will be made available to the service in 2020. I can advise that the number of people waiting for funding for home support services reflects a point in time. Those people who are on the waiting list are reviewed, as funding becomes available, to ensure that individual cases continue to be dealt with on a priority basis within the available resources and as determined by the local front line staff who know and understand the clients' needs, and who undertake regular reviews of those care needs to ensure that the services being provided remain appropriate.

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

Yours sincerely,



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