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Deputy Róisín Shortall TD
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Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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: 53659/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in nursing homes under the fair deal scheme that have a residential property registered in their name which is included as part of the assessment for the scheme; the number of these homes that have a family member residing in them; the number of homes that are rented or generating an income; and the number that are vacant.

The number of persons in nursing homes under the Fair Deal Scheme that have a residential property registered in their name which is included as part of the assessment for the scheme:

There are currently 13,343 clients with a residential property recorded in their financial assessment. The value of a person's principal private residence is only included in the financial assessment for the first three years that the person receives care services.

The number of these homes that have a family member residing in them;

When processing an application for the Nursing Homes Support Scheme, the HSE collates and records data in relation to the applicant and their spouse / partner only. As well as a spouse / partner, NHSS clients may also share a family home with family members e.g. siblings or with other connected persons. The HSE does not record data in relation to family members or other connected persons residing in the family home. However, of the 13,343 clients, that have their home recorded in their financial assessment there are 3,430 clients recorded as being a member of a couple.

The number of homes that are rented or generating an income;

Of the 13,343 clients, 740 have rental income included in their financial assessment.

The number that are vacant

The HSE does not record and cannot confirm the number of houses that are vacant.

The figures provided are based on NHSS clients residing in nursing homes as at the 31st December 2019.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

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