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Re: PQ53806/19 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons wait listed for homecare services in county Louth and east Count Meath; when resources will be made available; and if he will make a statement on this matter – Deputy Fergus O'Dowd

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

Home Support Services is a non-statutory scheme, the aim of which is to support an Older Person living at home. The services we provide are within our budgeted allocation and we are obliged to operate within the budgeted allocation.

Currently Midlands Louth Meath Community Healthcare Organisation are profiling our priority home support clients based on assessed needs and are working to provide services based on that priority profile.

A number of Home Support packages in addition have been put in place through the Winter Planning Initiative to facilitate discharge from acute hospital. A number of clients on the waiting have been offered home support service through the availability of home support hours to ensure all HSE Health Care Support Assistants are working up to their contracted hours.

Louth - As of the 31.12.2019, there were 191 clients (517.25 hours) on the Louth Home Support wait list. The wait list is reviewed each week following the home support panel meeting

As the clinical need of the client changes and/or resources become available, clients are removed from the wait list.

Meath - There are currently 57 clients waiting in East Meath for homecare services. As the end of November MLM CHO are continuing to provide home service to 1,230 clients in Co Meath with a total of 35,972 hours provided in November 2019.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett
Chief Officer
Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation