



10<sup>th</sup> July 2019

**Deputy Mary Butler, TD**  
**Dáil Eireann,**  
**Leinster House,**  
**Kildare Street,**  
**Dublin 2.**

Dear Deputy Butler,

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 29093/19**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in receipt of an intensive homecare package; and the percentage of same with a key worker assigned**

**PQ 29094/19**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours provided from intensive homecare packages to date in 2019**

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 May 2019. As of this date, 170,305 home support hours were delivered through Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs) nationally to 238 people. Also, as of this date, 97% of all IHCP clients had a Key Worker assigned to them. Please see Table 1 below for a breakdown of the above per CHO.

The Department is currently engaged in a detailed process to develop a new stand-alone, statutory scheme for the financing and regulation of home support services. Developing a new statutory scheme will be an important step in ensuring that the system operates in a consistent and fair manner for all those who need home support services. The Sláintecare Implementation Strategy commits to the introduction of the new scheme in 2021.

Yours sincerely

**On Behalf Of**  
**Sandra Tuohy**  
**Assistant National Director**  
**Older Persons Services - Operations**

**Appendix 1 – IHCP Activity: May 2019 (Preliminary Data)**

CHO	May 31st 2019		
	IHCP Hours YTD	IHCP Clients YTD	% with Key Worker Assigned
<b>National Total</b>	<b>170,305</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>98%</b>
CHO 1	20,888	9	100%
CHO 2	14,354	31	100%
CHO 3	9,748	28	100%
CHO 4	18,767	24	100%
CHO 5	10,401	16	81%
CHO 6	15,265	18	100%
CHO 7	21,717	40	95%
CHO 8	18,233	24	100%
CHO 9	40,932	48	100%