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Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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 23908/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours being provided in each LHO area to the end of May 2019; the number of persons on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and 12 months plus, respectively in tabular form

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 April 2019. As of this date, 5,661,457 home support hours were delivered nationally while 6,310 people were waiting for funding for their home support service (details per LHO/CHO at Appendix 1 below).

Data in the detailed format requested (i.e. number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12months respectively) is not currently collated nationally. While the information is available locally from client records, it would require considerable resources to gather this information centrally.

The Department is currently engaged in a detailed process to determine what type of home care scheme is best for Ireland. This process will consider the future design of both the funding and regulation systems for these essential services.

Yours sincerely

Sandra Tuohy
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Table 1 – Home Support Activity: April 2019 (Preliminary Data)

CHO	LHO	Activity YTD	Nos Waiting for Funding
National Total		5,661,457	6,310
CHO 1	Total	570,672	652
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	157,823	268
CHO 1	Donegal	251,358	177
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	161,492	207
CHO 2	Total	599,376	774
CHO 2	Galway	315,283	295
CHO 2	Mayo	177,107	327
CHO 2	Roscommon	106,987	152
CHO 3	Total	489,474	504
CHO 3	Clare	157,446	390
CHO 3	Limerick	183,113	95
CHO 3	North Tipperary East	148,916	19
CHO 4	Total	850,230	131
CHO 4	Kerry	211,884	14
CHO 4	North Cork	133,351	3
CHO 4	North Lee	177,183	0
CHO 4	South Lee	222,601	29
CHO 4	West Cork	105,211	85
CHO 5	Total	669,546	606
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	171,547	0
CHO 5	South Tipperary	139,775	0
CHO 5	Waterford	122,192	44
CHO 5	Wexford	236,032	562
CHO 6	Total	431,946	192
CHO 6	Dublin South East	111,330	1
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	153,014	0
CHO 6	Wicklow	167,602	191
CHO 7	Total	623,512	1,110
CHO 7	Dublin South City	118,298	301
CHO 7	Dublin South West	152,796	259
CHO 7	Dublin West	127,694	276
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	224,724	274
CHO 8	Total	554,467	528
CHO 8	Laos Offaly	144,223	323
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	124,820	11
CHO 8	Louth	133,995	0
CHO 8	Meath	151,429	194
CHO 9	Total	872,232	1,813
CHO 9	Dublin North	317,783	847
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	301,517	212
CHO 9	Dublin North West	252,932	754