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Date: 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**PQ: 24172/19**

**To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for older persons services in County Waterford in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

Dear Deputy Cullinane

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

#### **Nursing Home Subvention Scheme (NHSS)**

The Nursing Homes Support Scheme (NHSS) also known as the “Fair Deal”, provides financial support to people who long-term nursing home need care. As part of the application process, financial and care needs assessments are completed. Having determined that an applicant is entitled to financial support, the applicant is then included on the scheme’s national placement list for NHSS funding. This is managed centrally and in chronological order and the current waiting time is approximately 4 weeks.

#### **Home Support Services**

In Waterford in the present day there are 35 people on the Home Support waiting list. These people have been risk assessed to ensure that their clinical need is in warrant of service immediately due to their vulnerability. It is not possible to estimate waiting times as services are provided on clinical assessment and high risk of vulnerability.

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. Waiting</b>
2015	0
2016	0
2017	20
2018	35
2019	35

I hope this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line under the name.

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**Barbara Murphy**  
**General Manager, Services for Older People**  
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