



Eugene Murphy T.D.,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2.

2nd July 2019.

PQ 24936/19

‘To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons approved but still on a waiting list for home support services in counties Galway and Roscommon to date; the number of applications received for home support services in the counties to date; the number of applications in both counties which will now be restricted due to the freeze on receiving new applications in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter’.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

I refer to PQ 24936/19 uploaded on the PAD System on 13th June 2019 and due for response on 2nd July 2019 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning ‘the number of persons approved but still on a waiting list for home support services in counties Galway and Roscommon to date; the number of applications received for home support services in the counties to date; the number of applications in both counties which will now be restricted due to the freeze on receiving new applications in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter’. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Please find outlined in the table below the number of persons on the waiting list for a Home Support service in Co. Galway and Co. Roscommon at 31st May 2019 which also includes the number of clients on a waiting list for an increase in Home Support hours in each county at 31st May 2019: -

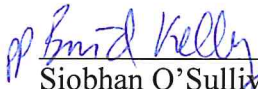
Number of persons at 31st May 2019 -	Galway	Roscommon
On the waiting list for a Home Support service in:	208	153
On the waiting list for an increase in Home Support hours in:	80	17

In relation to ‘the number of applications received for Home Support services in the counties to date’ please be advised that HSE Community Healthcare West does not collate the number of applications it receives for homecare.

HSE Community Healthcare West does not operate a recycling model similar to many other CHOs but a prioritisation system. There has been no decision to tighten the implementation thresholds at this time and therefore no ‘freeze’ has been put in place on receiving new applications for homecare. Home Support is however provided within the available budget and accordingly there may be reductions should the expected budget allocation be reduced.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely,



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Community Healthcare West.