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Mr. Gerry Adams T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 25149/19

To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to deal with the crisis in the provision of home help hours in County Louth and CHO area 8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Gerry Adams

Dear Deputy Adams,

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 wish to respond as follows:

Home Support Services is a non-statutory scheme, the aim of which is to support an Older Person living at home. Access to services is via assessment by HSE professionals. The quantity of services is limited to available budget.

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. At this time our highest priority is the delivery of home support services to those receiving palliative care. This position will be kept under regular review.

As of the 2/07/19, there were 31 clients on the Home Support waiting list in Louth waiting on a total of 103 hours. This waiting list will be reviewed at the weekly panel meetings.

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 CHO Area 8