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Deputy John Brassil, TD
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Dear Deputy Brassil,

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 25351/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours allocated to persons in acute hospital beds 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.

PQ 25339/19

To ask the Minister for Health the homecare hours being delivered for the HSE by third party private providers; the cost of the provision in each of the years 2016 to 2018 and to date in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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

The number of people in receipt of home support at any time will vary having regard to the value of the individual home supports approved and as clients cease and new clients with different value home support are approved and commenced. Preliminary data currently available reflects the period to the end of May 2019. As of this date, 7,157,942 home support hours were delivered nationally to 52,382 people (See Appendix 1 below for a breakdown of home support hours delivered from 2015 to 2019 YTD). 7,200 of those were new clients who commenced their home support service since January 1st 2019.

Data in the format you are requesting (*the number of home support hours allocated to persons in acute hospital beds in each of the years 2015 to 2018 and to date in 2019*) is not currently collated nationally as this would require considerable resources which are presently unavailable however the data may be held locally.

Home Support services for older people, funded by the HSE, are provided either by directly employed staff or by voluntary and private providers who have formal tender arrangements with the HSE to deliver the services. Preliminary data currently available shows that of the 7,157,942 home support hours delivered since January 1st 2019, 3,985,928 of those were delivered through external providers i.e. not for profit/voluntary providers and for profit / private providers.



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Yours sincerely,

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Dear Deputy Mayor

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 the Government for response:

FD 338019

To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours allocated to persons in acute hospital beds in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and to state what will be a statement on the matter.

FD 382319

To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours being delivered for the HSE by third party providers; the cost of the provision in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017; and to state what will be a statement on the matter.

The 2016 National Services Plan 2016 provides for:

- 17.9m home support hours to be delivered to 24,000 people inclusive of 410,000 hours of 17.9m support hours under the Value Based Care Package delivered to approximately 300,000 people delivered in the full year.

The number of people in receipt of home support at any time will vary during the year of the individual home support approved and new clients with different value based packages are approved and commenced. Preliminary data currently available indicates the total in 2016. At the date 1,157,943 home support hours were delivered amounting to 24,370 people. 17.9m support hours a provision of home support hours between 2012 to 2016. 17.9m support hours were delivered and commenced the home support services during 2016.

Given in the format you are requesting (the number of home support hours allocated to persons in acute hospital beds in each of the years 2012 to 2016 and to date in 2017) is not currently compiled nationally as the HSE requires considerable resources which are presently in limited numbers and data may be best located at the HSE.

Home support services for older people funded by the HSE are provided either by directly employed staff or by voluntary and private providers who have entered into a contractual arrangement with the HSE to deliver the services. Preliminary data currently available shows that of the 1.157.943 home support hours delivered during 2016, 2,982,958 of those were delivered through external providers (i.e. not for profit/private providers) and the profit/private providers.

Appendix 1 – Home Support Activity: 2015 to 2019 YTD (Preliminary Data)

CHO	2019		2018		2017		2016		2015	
	Home Support Hours YTD	Home Support Clients YTD	Home Support Hours	Home Support Clients	Homehelp Hours	HCPs	Homehelp Hours	HCPs	Homehelp Hours	HCPs
National Total	7,157,942	52,382	17,130,453	53,016	10,385,804	19,807	10,546,733	16,351	10,455,452	15,272
CHO 1	710,486	4,078	1,694,036	4,437	1,442,142	1,378	1,462,017	1,345	1,407,749	1,272
CHO 2	758,595	5,911	1,787,709	5,983	1,353,387	1,912	1,384,165	1,375	1,295,628	1,160
CHO 3	635,143	4,472	1,456,803	4,760	922,108	1,149	960,387	1,028	949,074	950
CHO 4	1,070,886	9,057	2,707,162	8,994	1,995,759	1,557	1,983,144	1,434	2,105,580	1,395
CHO 5	841,604	6,056	1,927,217	6,077	1,146,958	1,242	1,213,568	1,044	1,204,980	887
CHO 6	549,193	4,196	1,301,981	4,353	337,968	2,221	388,952	1,836	386,400	1,558
CHO 7	789,774	6,374	1,880,560	6,137	638,601	3,060	714,997	1,953	710,151	2,049
CHO 8	700,680	5,689	1,616,808	5,600	1,249,355	2,681	1,294,111	2,300	1,250,656	2,091
CHO 9	1,101,581	6,549	2,758,176	6,675	1,299,527	4,607	1,145,393	4,036	1,145,233	3,910

Appendix 2 – Indirect Home Support Activity: 2018 to 2019 YTD (Preliminary Data)

CHO	Indirect Hours 2018	Indirect	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19
		Hours 2019 YTD					
National Total	9,623,402	3,985,928	780,799	747,796	814,222	805,558	837,554
CHO 1	534,911	200,040	43,214	39,212	43,524	38,122	35,968
CHO 2	915,265	399,346	79,419	76,250	80,861	79,725	83,092
CHO 3	805,919	383,934	73,986	73,774	77,075	77,431	81,668
CHO 4	417,873	195,256	37,564	38,080	38,479	39,838	41,294
CHO 5	470,539	215,330	42,300	40,653	44,052	43,721	44,603
CHO 6	1,301,981	549,193	108,556	100,517	111,223	111,649	117,247
CHO 7	1,589,236	594,025	113,979	111,022	116,739	125,182	127,103
CHO 8	829,594	347,223	57,570	64,710	72,550	75,163	77,230
CHO 9	2,758,083	1,101,581	224,209	203,578	229,718	214,727	229,349