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Deputy Louise O'Reilly, TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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 25508/19

To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on home support to date; the hours delivered; and the number of persons to which hours have been delivered 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 May 2019. As of this date, 7,157,942 home support hours were delivered nationally to 52,382 people (details per CHO at Appendix 1 below) with expenditure of €176.5m May YTD.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Jordan".

On behalf of

Sandra Tuohy
Assistant National Director
Older Persons Services - Operations

Appendix 1 – Home Support Activity: May 2019 (Preliminary Data)

CHO	YTD Activity	No of Client in receipt at end May 2019
CHO 1	710,486	4,078
CHO 2	758,595	5,911
CHO 3	635,143	4,472
CHO 4	1,070,886	9,057
CHO 5	841,604	6,056
CHO 6	549,193	4,196
CHO 7	789,774	6,374
CHO 8	700,680	5,689
CHO 9	1,101,581.00	6,549
Total	7,157,942	52,382