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**Deputy Mary Butler, TD**  
**Dáil Eireann,**  
**Leinster House,**  
**Kildare Street,**  
**Dublin 2.**

Dear Deputy Butler,

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 26820/19**

**To ask the Minister for Health the amount of intensive dementia homecare packages in place from January 2019 to date**

The HSE's National Service Plan sets out the targets which the HSE must meet throughout the year. The National Service Plan for 2019 provides for the following;

- 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

Home Support Services are an important component of the provision of service to older people with assessed needs and to support them in their choice of living in their own home and community. The HSE, working within its available resources, has sought to maintain and when possible to expand the range and volume of services available to support people to remain in their own homes, to prevent early admission to long term residential care and to support people to return to their homes following an acute hospital admission. The Home Support resource is used to its maximum effect as part of each individual recipient's care plan.

Please see the table hereunder for the breakdown of all currently active dementia specific IHCP clients as of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. Total number of active IHCP clients as of same date is 238.

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

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**Table 1: Number of IHCPs as of 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019 (preliminary data)**

IHCPs - Active Cases -30th May		
CHO	Dementia Cases	Total Active Cases (incl Dementia cases)
CHO 1	7	9
CHO 2	17	31
CHO 3	28	28
CHO 4	17	24
CHO 5	13	16
CHO 6	12	18
CHO 7	35	40
CHO 8	24	24
CHO 9	44	48
National Total	197	238