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Deputy Peter Burke, TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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Dear Deputy Burke,

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 27030/19

To ask the Minister for Health the full year cost of providing an additional 2.2 million hours of home help

PQ 27031/19

To ask the Minister for Health the full year cost of providing 8,000 extra homecare packages

The 2019 National Service Plan 2019 provides funding for Home Support Services for mainly older people to support delivery of:

- 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

It is estimated that an approximate €53.5m (full year cost) would be required to provide an additional 2.2 million home support hours. Assuming an average of 6.5hrs per client per week, the estimated full year cost of providing a home support service to an additional 8,000 clients is in the region of €65.5m. However, the actual cost of delivery will vary depending on whether the hours are delivered during core times, Monday to Friday, or outside of core hours in the late evenings or at weekends/bank holidays.

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 "Cathleen Jordan".

On behalf of Sandra Tuohy
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