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Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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 11281/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours being provided in each LHO area

PQ 11282/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively

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. The additional hours over the level provided for in 2018 (17.094m hours) relates to additional activity funded during 2018 and 2019 to support service pressures during the winter months
- Intensive Home Care Packages delivered to approximately 235 people with approximately 360,000 hours delivered in the full year

As at 31st January 2019, 1,409,501 home support hours were delivered nationally, while 6,001 people were waiting for funding for new or additional home support (preliminary data) (details per LHO are included in the below Appendix).

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.

Despite the significant level of service provision, the demand for Home Support continues to grow and waiting lists for services have become a feature. All those waiting are assessed and provided with a service, if appropriate, as soon as possible having regard to their assessed needs. In addition, people being discharged from acute hospitals, who are in a position to return home with supports, are prioritised.

Data in the detailed format requested (i.e. number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months) is not currently collated nationally. While the information is available locally from client records, it would require considerable resources to gather this information centrally.



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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 crucial services.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix – Home Support Hours & Number of People Waiting for Funding

PQ: 11281/19 & 11282/19		Home Support Hours	Waiting List
CHO	LHO	Jan-19	Jan-19
National Total		1,409,501	6,001
CHO 1	Total	143,540	578
	Cavan Monaghan	40,499	234
	Donegal	61,978	218
CHO 2	Sligo Leitrim	41,063	126
	Total	154,022	846
	Galway	82,366	338
	Mayo	43,992	354
CHO 3	Roscommon	27,664	154
	Total	122,098	407
	Clare	40,535	315
	Limerick	46,156	87
	North Tipperary East Limerick	35,407	5
CHO 4	Total	209,955	84
	Kerry	52,716	0
	North Cork	33,138	0
	North Lee	44,151	0
	South Lee	54,302	15
	West Cork	25,648	69
CHO 5	Total	169,401	602
	Carlow Kilkenny	43,020	602
	South Tipperary	34,074	0
	Waterford	32,192	0
	Wexford	60,116	0
CHO 6	Total	108,556	126
	Dublin South East	26,563	0
	Dun Laoghaire	39,154	0
	Wicklow	42,840	126
CHO 7	Total	136,808	1,224
	Dublin South City	28,411	1,224
	Dublin South West	35,826	0
	Dublin West	31,506	0
	Kildare West Wicklow	41,064	0
CHO 8	Total	140,913	412
	Laois Offaly	35,976	412
	Longford Westmeath	32,870	0
	Louth	34,150	0
	Meath	37,917	0
CHO 9	Total	224,209	1,722
	Dublin North	81,281	742
	Dublin North Central	78,041	263
	Dublin North West	64,887	717