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PQ 20906/19 - To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the number of home support hours available for older persons in north Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In 2018 CHO Dublin North City & County delivered 2.75m Home Support hours to 6,675 older people.

Funding for home support has a defined budget and 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. This includes people being discharged from acute hospitals. The level and activity associated costs in the provision of Home Support within CHO DNCC is managed in a way that ensures that those with the greatest needs are supported and the overall expenditure on home support does not exceed available funding.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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