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Deputy Fiona O'Loughlin, TD  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
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Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy O'Loughlin,

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 22193/19**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of extra home help hours that were provided in 2018 relative to 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

From 1st January 2018, with the approval of the Department of Health, the funding for both the former Home Help Service and the Home Care Package Scheme was combined into a single service, now known as the Home Support Service for Older People.

Since that date, home support activity reflects the total hours and clients across the Home Support Service for Older People, being the totality of the amalgamated former Home Help Service and Home Care Package Scheme. Activity in relation to Intensive Home Care Packages is reflected separately. This new approach has provided significant benefits for the service users, the public and the health system with the services easier to understand overall.

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

**Table 1** below outlines the number of home help hours & home care packages provided by the HSE for 2017 and the total number of home support hours provided in 2018.

The Department is currently engaged in a detailed process to develop a new stand-alone, statutory scheme for the financing and regulation of home support services.

Yours sincerely,


  
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Table 1 – Home Support Activity: 2017 & 2018 (figures as at 31<sup>st</sup> December in each year)

PQ: 22173/19 – Fiona O’Laughlin TD		2017		2018
CHO	LHO	HCPs	Home Help Hours	Home Support Hours Provided (Outturn)
<b>National Total</b>		<b>19,807</b>	<b>10,385,804</b>	<b>17,130,453</b>
CHO 1	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,378</b>	<b>1,442,142</b>	<b>1,694,036</b>
	Cavan Monaghan	608	369,607	469,617
	Donegal	469	666,181	736,345
	Sligo Leitrim	301	406,354	488,074
CHO 2	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>1,353,387</b>	<b>1,787,709</b>
	Galway	1,039	691,096	961,668
	Mayo	600	426,410	511,271
	Roscommon	273	235,882	314,770
CHO 3	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,149</b>	<b>922,108</b>	<b>1,456,803</b>
	Clare	380	193,583	439,909
	Limerick	465	392,134	562,219
	North Tipperary East Limerick	304	336,391	454,675
CHO 4	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,557</b>	<b>1,995,759</b>	<b>2,707,162</b>
	Kerry	591	550,888	680,086
	North Cork	139	324,656	430,092
	North Lee	314	349,064	548,201
	South Lee	412	463,446	701,401
	West Cork	101	307,705	347,382
CHO 5	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,242</b>	<b>1,146,958</b>	<b>1,927,217</b>
	Carlow Kilkenny	220	274,633	500,995
	South Tipperary	367	259,077	393,837
	Waterford	274	228,844	381,853
	Wexford	381	384,404	650,532
CHO 6	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,221</b>	<b>337,968</b>	<b>1,301,981</b>
	Dublin South East	841	76,154	355,038
	Dun Laoghaire	841	85,835	459,712
	Wicklow	539	175,979	487,232
CHO 7	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,060</b>	<b>638,601</b>	<b>1,880,560</b>
	Dublin South City	606	105,686	397,457
	Dublin South West	1,015	103,063	483,586
	Dublin West	705	114,552	444,711
	Kildare West Wicklow	734	315,300	554,806
CHO 8	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,681</b>	<b>1,249,355</b>	<b>1,616,808</b>
	Laois Offaly	656	297,874	417,136
	Longford Westmeath	468	255,136	346,950
	Louth	1,061	232,091	421,537
	Meath	496	464,255	431,186
CHO 9	<b>Total</b>	<b>4,607</b>	<b>1,299,527</b>	<b>2,758,176</b>
	Dublin North	1,853	491,480	1,086,803
	Dublin North Central	1,406	465,229	888,469
	Dublin North West	1,348	342,818	782,904