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Re: 22787 PQ 22629/19

***To ask the Minister for Health the number of companies contracted to provide personal assistance care on behalf of the HSE in CHO9 in each of the years 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; 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 to the Minister for Health for response and I apologise for the delay in responding. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I wish to advise Personal Assistant Services assist individuals with physical and sensory disabilities. These services assist individuals in their homes and communities facilitating community participation, access to education, employment and improved quality of life. The service is designed by the individual to maximise control over their personal service. In this manner it is distinct from other Home Help and Home Care Services.

The number of companies contracted to provide Personal Assistant Care in CHO Dublin North City and County in 2017, 2018 and to date in 2019 are detailed in tabular form hereunder. These contracts are awarded in line with HSE National Financial Regulations and comply with policies and practices prescribed in the Service Arrangement process.

Year	No of Companies
2017	2
2018	2
2019	2

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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