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Deputy Brian Stanley, TD  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Stanley,

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 47692/19**

**To ask the Minister for Health the maximum waiting time for home help services in each county in tabular form; and the number on the waiting list by county**

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

Preliminary data currently available reflects the period to the end of October 2019. As of this date, 14,550,922 home support hours were delivered nationally to 51,404 people. Also, as of this date, there were 7,881 people waiting for funding for home support.

Data in the detailed format requested (i.e. the maximum waiting time home help services in each county) is not currently collated nationally. While the information may be available locally, it would take considerable resources to collate it nationally. Please see table 1 below for a breakdown by LHO, of the current waiting list as at the end of October 2019. Please note that the data we hold is collated using the LHO system (Local Health Offices). The majority of the LHOs are counties whereas in more densely populated areas such as Dublin and Cork, those areas are broken down through multiple LHOs.

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. Developing a new statutory scheme will be an important step in ensuring that the system operates in a consistent and fair manner for all those who need home support services. The Sláintecare Implementation Strategy commits to the introduction of the new scheme in 2021.



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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandra Tuohy', written over a horizontal line.

**Sandra Tuohy**  
**Assistant National Director**  
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**Table 1 – Home Support Activity: October 2019 (Preliminary Data)**

*Note estimated data included*

Home Support - October 2019			
CHO	LHO	Hours YTD	Waiting List
<b>National Total</b>		<b>14,550,922</b>	<b>7,881</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,398,108</b>	<b>749</b>
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	363,162	303
	Donegal	630,707	286
	Sligo Leitrim	404,239	160
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,530,811</b>	<b>732</b>
CHO 2	Galway	795,090	258
	Mayo	459,719	317
	Roscommon	276,003	157
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,268,236</b>	<b>958</b>
CHO 3	Clare	387,986	526
	Limerick	488,078	335
	North Tipperary East Lirr	392,172	97
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,316,446</b>	<b>493</b>
CHO 4	Kerry	590,908	43
	North Cork	352,902	47
	North Lee	485,437	131
	South Lee	600,093	84
	West Cork	287,106	188
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,640,943</b>	<b>1,221</b>
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	423,631	-
	South Tipperary	331,568	103
	Waterford	310,347	244
	Wexford	575,397	874
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,135,474</b>	<b>23</b>
CHO 6	Dublin South East	292,261	-
	Dun Laoghaire	427,197	-
	Wicklow	416,016	23
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,641,551</b>	<b>939</b>
CHO 7	Dublin South City	309,974	260
	Dublin South West	414,802	230
	Dublin West	332,231	195
	Kildare West Wicklow	584,544	254
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,405,322</b>	<b>845</b>
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	360,938	138
	Longford Westmeath	325,093	92
	Louth	334,272	161
	Meath	385,019	454
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,214,033</b>	<b>1,921</b>
CHO 9	Dublin North	793,989	839
	Dublin North Central	762,042	196
	Dublin North West	658,001	886