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Dear Deputy Butler,

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 48221/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours being provided in each LHO area as of 15 November 2019 or the latest date available; the way in which this compares to target in each LHO for the same time period; 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 in tabular form - Mary Butler.

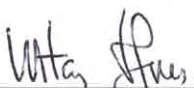
The 2019 National Service Plan 2019 provides for;

- 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 number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months) 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 as at the end of October 2019.

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 essential services.

Yours sincerely



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Table 1 – Home Support Activity: October 2019 (Preliminary Data)

Home Support - October 2019					
CHO	LHO	Hours YTD	Target YTD	% Variance +/-	Waiting List
National Total		14,550,922	14,942,551	-2.6%	7,881
CHO 1	Total	1,398,108	1,429,963	-2.2%	749
	Cavan Monaghan	363,162	359,265	1.1%	303
	Donegal	630,707	638,734	-1.3%	286
	Sligo Leitrim	404,239	431,964	-6.4%	160
CHO 2	Total	1,530,811	1,650,763	-7.3%	732
	Galway	795,090	804,120	-1.1%	258
	Mayo	459,719	540,541	-15.0%	317
	Roscommon	276,003	306,102	-9.8%	157
CHO 3	Total	1,268,236	1,228,493	3.2%	958
	Clare	387,986	368,547	5.3%	526
	Limerick	488,078	491,399	-0.7%	335
	North Tipperary East Linn	392,172	368,547	6.4%	97
CHO 4	Total	2,316,446	2,335,378	-0.8%	493
	Kerry	590,908	677,545	-12.8%	43
	North Cork	352,902	389,335	-9.4%	47
	North Lee	485,437	480,744	1.0%	131
	South Lee	600,093	454,763	32.0%	84
	West Cork	287,106	332,991	-13.8%	188
CHO 5	Total	1,640,943	1,624,106	1.0%	1,221
	Carlow Kilkenny	423,631	409,118	3.5%	-
	South Tipperary	331,568	328,574	0.9%	103
	Waterford	310,347	405,860	-23.5%	244
	Wexford	575,397	480,554	19.7%	874
CHO 6	Total	1,135,474	1,124,381	1.0%	23
	Dublin South East	292,261	300,577	-2.8%	-
	Dun Laoghaire	427,197	225,433	89.5%	-
	Wicklow	416,016	598,371	-30.5%	23
CHO 7	Total	1,641,551	1,774,028	-7.5%	939
	Dublin South City	309,974	277,318	11.8%	260
	Dublin South West	414,802	443,047	-6.4%	230
	Dublin West	332,231	278,688	19.2%	195
	Kildare West Wicklow	584,544	774,975	-24.6%	254
CHO 8	Total	1,405,322	1,432,551	-1.9%	845
	Laois Offaly	360,938	350,000	3.1%	138
	Longford Westmeath	325,093	284,878	14.1%	92
	Louth	334,272	374,419	-10.7%	161
	Meath	385,019	423,254	-9.0%	454
CHO 9	Total	2,214,033	2,342,888	-5.5%	1,921
	Dublin North	793,989	965,927	-17.8%	839
	Dublin North Central	762,042	822,065	-7.3%	196
	Dublin North West	658,001	554,896	18.6%	886