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Deputy Stephen S. Donnelly, TD  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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: 40423/19**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the fair deal scheme at the end of September 2019 or latest date available; the average waiting time; the number of persons awaiting placement under the scheme by each LHO area in tabular form; and the length of time waiting.

**The number of persons awaiting placement under the Fair Deal Scheme**

As at the 30<sup>th</sup> of September the Nursing Homes Support Scheme had a total of 686 clients on the placement list awaiting funding.

**The average waiting time**

The average wait time for each client on the Nursing Homes Support Scheme placement list as at the 30<sup>th</sup> of September is 5 weeks.

**The number of persons awaiting placement under the scheme in each LHO area in tabular form**  
(Appendix 1)

**The length of time waiting**

The Nursing Homes Support Scheme operates a National Waiting list for funding. There is therefore no distinction between waiting times experienced by clients across LHO. Funding provided by the Nursing Homes Support Scheme continues to be allocated on a strict chronological order basis. There is only one waiting list nationally so there are no variances around the country.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

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## Appendix 1

Waiting List as at 30/09/2019	
LHO	Waiting List
Longford Westmeath	23
Area 1 Dun Laoghaire	26
Area 10 Wicklow	14
Area 2 Dublin South East	18
Area 3 Dublin South City	13
Area 4 Dublin South West	20
Area 5 Dublin West	9
Area 9 Kildare	18
Laois Offaly	20
Louth	25
Meath	29
Cavan Monaghan	13
Dublin North Central	23
Dublin North West	26
Northern Area	32
Cork North Lee	21
Cork South Lee	32
Kerry	24
North Cork	11
West Cork	10
Tipperary South	22
Waterford	32
Carlow Kilkenny	22
Wexford	32
Clare	14
Limerick	25
Tipperary North	22
Galway	36
Mayo	29
Roscommon	11
Sligo Leitrim	17
Donegal	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>686</b>