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Deputy Pat Casey,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 40988/19 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Wicklow on waiting lists for home support hours

-Pat Casey

Dear Deputy Casey,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

As of October 2019, the Home Support Service in Wicklow has a total number of 67 people prioritised for home support that are currently waiting for funding approval.

In Wicklow, a recycling of hour's system is currently in operation as the home support service is a resource dependent scheme the allocation of resources is based on care needs. Those with the highest care needs are prioritised for funding approval. At present, the average timeframe for those awaiting a service with low to moderate care needs is 5 months whereas those with high care needs are awaiting an average of 4 weeks.

It is anticipated that the waiting time for Home Support will be improved with a recent announcement to deploy some specific resourcing under the Winter Plan 2019/2020 to assist with Hospital Discharges.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

David Walsh,
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