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PQ 41935/20

‘To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Galway who have been approved for home help services but are still on the waiting list; the number waiting over six, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter’.

Dear Deputy Connolly,

I refer to PQ 41935/20 uploaded on the PAD System on 3rd December 2020 and due for response on 21st December 2020 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health regarding ‘the number of persons in County Galway who have been approved for home help services but are still on the waiting list; the number waiting over six, 12, 18 and 24 months, respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter’. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

There are 5 people on the Galway Home Support waiting list outlined as follows:

Waiting Length	Number of individuals
Waiting longer than 6 months	1 individual
Waiting longer than 12 months	1 individual
Waiting longer than 18 months	1 individual
Waiting longer than 24 months	2 individuals

The local Home Support service is currently working on clearing this Waiting List. Community Healthcare West envisages there will be no client waiting for a Home Support service in Galway once this current list is cleared.

It is important to note that Community Healthcare West is challenged at times in sourcing Carers for Home Support clients in some rural areas across the region.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely,

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