



7 August 2020

Deputy Pauline Tully, TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Tully,

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 20375/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the home support waiting list by county and by month in 2018, 2019 and to date in 2020, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

The Home Support Service is funded by Government to deliver a volume of service each year as approved in the HSE National Service Plan. It is a non-statutory service and access to the current service is based on assessment of the person's needs by the HSE and having regard to the available resources and the competing demands for the services from those people with assessed needs.

As a result of the impact of Covid-19 and the national effort across all Community Healthcare Organisations throughout the country, some aspects of normal monthly reporting have been delayed (with data coverage issues in some areas) therefore available data is preliminary and may be subject to change. Preliminary data currently available reflects the period to the end of June 2020. As of this date, 8,369,634 home support hours were delivered nationally to 51,331 people. Also, as of this date, there were 5,689 people waiting for funding for new or additional home support. See tables below for a breakdown by LHO/CHO in 2018, 2019 & YTD 2020.

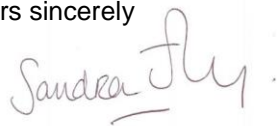
The number of people waiting for funding for home support services, reflect a point in time. Those people who are on the waiting list have been assessed and are reviewed, as funding becomes available, to ensure that individual cases continue to be dealt with on a priority basis within the available resources, having regard to the client's assessed needs and current Public Health advice.

As the country moves through the phases of the easing of Government restrictions, the HSE continues to work closely with providers and community staff to identify where service is most required. This is to ensure, insofar as possible, that Home Support Services can continue where needed most. The requirements of physical distancing must be encouraged, supported and maintained so as to keep our staff and service users safe and prevent any further spread of the virus.

As this is an evolving and unprecedented situation, the HSE will keep matters under review and will advise clients and/or family members accordingly. Furthermore, the HSE acknowledges the valuable role of carers and families,

home support workers and providers across the services in supporting older people and their care groups throughout this challenging period.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Tuohy". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Sandra Tuohy
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Table 1 – Home Support Waiting List – June 2020 YTD (Preliminary Data)

		LHO	Jan 20	Feb 20	Mar 20	Apr 20	May 20	Jun 20
		National Total	7,907	7,827	7,295	6,784	6,130	5,689
CHO1	Hours	Cavan Monaghan	206	217	215	191	152	82
		Donegal	272	264	213	217	192	167
		Sligo Leitrim	14	0	0	0	0	0
		Total	492	481	428	408	344	249
CHO2	Hours	Galway	171	174	169	155	143	117
		Mayo	267	255	250	248	245	244
		Roscommon	74	72	65	62	61	59
		Total	512	501	484	465	449	420
CHO3	Hours	Clare	556	535	493	317	297	326
		Limerick	284	276	275	253	250	239
		North Tipperary East Limerick	123	108	101	106	107	118
		Total	963	919	869	676	654	683
CHO4	Hours	Kerry	46	65	78	89	73	56
		North Cork	55	47	47	55	59	55
		North Lee	211	227	221	170	178	115
		South Lee	192	181	159	198	189	170
		West Cork	210	207	199	211	177	172
		Total	714	727	704	723	676	568
CHO5	Hours	Carlow Kilkenny	78	78	24	24	21	0
		South Tipperary	53	0	0	0	0	0
		Waterford	266	311	313	176	294	262
		Wexford	990	944	949	938	867	790
		Total	1,387	1,333	1,286	1,138	1,182	1,052
CHO6	Hours	Dublin South East	1	0	0	1	0	0
		Dun Laoghaire	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Wicklow	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Total	1	0	0	1	0	0
CHO7	Hours	Dublin South City	270	296	232	252	252	328
		Dublin South West	300	314	239	245	245	344
		Dublin West	230	231	205	211	212	273
		Kildare West Wicklow	281	299	239	254	269	287
		Total	1,081	1,140	915	962	978	1,232
CHO8	Hours	Laois Offaly	121	119	112	109	99	94
		Longford Westmeath	115	97	99	91	89	74
		Louth	221	191	190	185	108	121
		Meath	524	535	553	514	460	302
		Total	981	942	954	899	756	591
CHO9	Hours	Dublin North	726	688	560	499	249	123
		Dublin North Central	100	101	119	117	117	102
		Dublin North West	950	995	976	896	725	669
		Total	1,776	1,784	1,655	1,512	1,091	894

Table 2 – Home Support Waiting List – January to December 2019

		LHO	Jan 19	Feb 19	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 19	June 19	July 19	Aug 19	Sept 19	Oct 19	Nov 19	Dec 19
		National Total	6,087	6,048	6,238	6,310	6,819	7,217	7,346	7,255	7,669	7,791	7,619	7,819
CH01	Hours	Cavan Monaghan	234	247	253	268	320	311	326	321	320	303	260	274
		Donegal	218	182	161	177	192	202	226	246	269	286	231	249
		Sligo Leitrim	126	104	105	207	230	230	227	226	199	160	74	25
		Total	578	533	519	652	742	743	779	793	788	749	565	548
CH02	Hours	Galway	338	319	307	295	285	279	278	258	242	227	186	176
		Mayo	354	327	334	327	341	329	339	343	348	317	299	280
		Roscommon	154	150	147	152	153	157	160	157	160	138	111	95
		Total	846	796	788	774	779	765	777	758	750	682	596	551
CH03	Hours	Clare	315	346	381	390	398	477	538	553	537	526	515	554
		Limerick	87	82	85	95	76	132	153	158	248	335	329	352
		North Tipperary East Limerick	5	20	17	19	49	59	61	64	81	97	139	104
		Total	407	448	483	504	523	668	752	775	866	958	983	1,010
CH04	Hours	Kerry	0	0	0	14	30	72	91	64	48	43	43	53
		North Cork	0	0	0	3	24	29	37	50	47	47	37	46
		North Lee	0	0	0	0	13	56	92	105	116	131	176	169
		South Lee	15	20	27	29	94	73	88	96	70	84	76	176
		West Cork	69	82	92	85	125	129	148	176	173	188	190	191
		Total	84	102	119	131	286	359	456	491	454	493	522	635
CH05	Hours	Carlow Kilkenny	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		South Tipperary	0	0	0	0	49	59	87	92	132	103	74	64
		Waterford	48	31	31	44	79	100	124	174	211	244	263	285
		Wexford	554	506	579	562	640	690	753	746	794	874	840	923
		Total	630	537	610	606	768	849	964	1,012	1,137	1,221	1,177	1,272
CH06	Hours	Dublin South East	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Dun Laoghaire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Wicklow	184	180	196	191	208	204	129	82	80	23	34	9
		Total	184	180	196	192	208	204	129	82	80	23	34	9
CH07	Hours	Dublin South City	306	334	336	301	297	300	239	209	225	260	260	282
		Dublin South West	299	274	236	259	237	250	221	200	229	230	252	258
		Dublin West	286	306	278	276	267	271	188	180	185	195	214	210
		Kildare West Wicklow	333	340	326	274	279	275	279	236	257	254	252	249
		Total	1,224	1,254	1,176	1,110	1,080	1,096	927	825	896	939	978	999
CH08	Hours	Laois Offaly	278	369	369	323	305	314	192	184	159	138	163	123
		Longford Westmeath	11	16	9	11	11	7	13	14	42	92	92	108
		Louth	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	88	148	161	186	206
		Meath	123	108	164	194	207	239	321	370	402	454	451	465
		Total	412	493	542	528	523	560	588	656	751	845	892	902
CH09	Hours	Dublin North	742	758	834	847	863	899	877	818	839	799	821	846
		Dublin North Central	263	228	214	212	251	227	226	198	247	196	152	138
		Dublin North West	717	719	757	754	796	847	871	847	861	886	899	909
		Total	1,722	1,705	1,805	1,813	1,910	1,973	1,974	1,863	1,947	1,881	1,872	1,893

Table 3 – Home Support Waiting List – January to December 2018

		LHO	Jan 18	Feb 18	Mar 18	Apr 18	May 18	June 18	July 18	Aug 18	Sept 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18
		National Total	5,495	6,172	6,458	6,104	6,118	5,893	6,287	6,285	6,423	6,317	6,107	6,120
CHO1	Hours	Cavan Monaghan	123	131	156	146	176	185	219	240	224	236	167	181
		Donegal	111	135	147	152	179	179	182	201	208	218	235	229
		Sligo Leitrim	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	102	114	104	109	111
		Total	234	266	303	298	355	364	453	543	546	558	511	521
CHO2	Hours	Galway	0	646	724	774	772	667	713	674	625	557	462	456
		Mayo	415	441	467	426	447	426	342	356	391	413	380	354
		Roscommon	250	285	291	309	306	204	191	211	223	235	168	158
		Total	665	1,372	1,482	1,509	1,525	1,297	1,246	1,241	1,239	1,205	1,010	968
CHO3	Hours	Clare	312	348	370	335	335	372	272	270	264	262	260	264
		Limerick	125	90	72	133	85	47	41	41	46	37	70	91
		North Tipperary East Limerick	66	52	53	56	52	14	21	5	10	22	7	6
		Total	503	490	495	524	472	433	334	316	320	321	337	361
CHO4	Hours	Kerry	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		North Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		North Lee	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		South Lee	134	88	69	90	91	104	118	71	82	59	53	48
		West Cork	144	125	149	138	116	115	121	107	114	107	107	104
		Total	278	214	218	228	207	219	239	178	196	166	160	152
CHO5	Hours	Carlow Kilkenny	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		South Tipperary	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	8	6	0
		Waterford	51	30	44	27	30	38	71	97	112	112	90	94
		Wexford	574	553	537	536	527	566	582	578	555	588	550	554
		Total	625	583	581	563	557	609	653	675	667	708	646	648
CHO6	Hours	Dublin South East	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Dun Laoghaire	2	0	123	124	126	130	67	37	60	60	48	0
		Wicklow	238	231	210	208	153	197	154	155	158	152	179	177
		Total	240	237	333	332	279	327	221	192	218	212	227	177
CHO7	Hours	Dublin South City	61	108	93	160	251	259	260	352	248	296	290	319
		Dublin South West	286	240	250	267	179	205	242	233	236	249	273	271
		Dublin West	137	209	261	298	341	270	252	266	247	263	275	273
		Kildare West Wicklow	39	93	120	132	202	203	238	260	267	282	298	300
		Total	523	650	724	857	973	937	992	1,111	998	1,090	1,136	1,163
CHO8	Hours	Laois Offaly	689	691	698	724	630	537	566	578	606	379	379	390
		Longford Westmeath	67	56	62	40	42	30	26	19	13	11	10	10
		Louth	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	0
		Meath	281	198	163	107	125	63	86	63	65	100	53	62
		Total	1,040	948	926	874	799	632	680	662	685	490	442	462
CHO9	Hours	Dublin North	550	579	572	632	594	638	599	623	688	675	705	739
		Dublin North Central	123	138	144	129	171	218	192	202	201	219	240	239
		Dublin North West	714	695	680	158	186	219	678	542	665	673	693	690
		Total	1,387	1,412	1,396	919	951	1,075	1,469	1,367	1,554	1,567	1,638	1,668