

14th August 2020

Deputy Pa Daly, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ 20587/20:

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of people that are waiting homecare support in County Kerry; the total number of hours allocated in each of the past 12 months in County Kerry; the average number of hours granted to each successful applicant; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Daly,

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

The number of people that are waiting homecare support in County Kerry:

75 waiting on funding and staff availability

The total number of hours allocated both to new and existing clients in each of the past 12 months in County Kerry: (July 2020 hours are not available at present)

Month	Total number of hours
June 2020	49,790.41
May 2020	51,704.06
April 2020	53,191.82
March 2020	52,189.83
February 2020	52,104.81
January 2020	52,045.81
December 2019	52,707.01
November 2019	54,053.43
October 2019	106,428.87 (2 pay periods)
September 2019	54,691.39
August 2019	54,263.69
July 2019	55,660.06

The average number of hours allocated:

4.75 hours

Each applicant is assessed by a Public Health Nurse /Community RGN. The allocation of a service is based on assessed clinical need within available resources.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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