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**Deputy James Browne, TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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Dear Deputy Browne,

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 21085/20

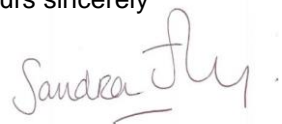
To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours being provided in each LHO area as of 30 July 2020 or the latest date available; the way in which this compares to target in each LHO for the same time period; the number of persons currently on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area in tabular form; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months

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.

The spread of COVID-19 throughout our communities has posed significant challenges for many areas of our Older Person's Services, including Home Support Services. 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 table below for a breakdown by LHO/CHO. Data in the requested format (and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months respectively) is not currently collated nationally. This may be available locally; however it would take considerable resources to collect same.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Tuohy". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sandra Tuohy
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Table 1 – Hours Delivered vs Target, & Waiting List – June 2020 YTD (preliminary data)

CHO	LHO	Target/EA YTD	Activity YTD	% Var YTD V Tgt/EA YTD	Waiting List
National Total		9,208,454	8,369,634	-9.1%	5,689
CHO 1	Total	886,917	790,051	-10.9%	249
	Cavan Monaghan	225,357	203,044	-9.9%	82
	Donegal	394,661	370,468	-6.1%	167
	Sligo Leitrim	266,899	216,539	-18.9%	0
CHO 2	Total	1,015,009	957,400	-5.7%	420
	Galway	494,431	502,089	1.5%	117
	Mayo	332,363	293,405	-11.7%	244
	Roscommon	188,215	161,907	-14.0%	59
CHO 3	Total	763,590	687,335	-10.0%	683
	Clare	229,077	227,492	-0.7%	326
	Limerick	305,436	249,904	-18.2%	239
	North Tipperary East Limerick	229,077	209,940	-8.4%	118
CHO 4	Total	1,379,300	1,338,330	-3.0%	568
	Kerry	353,463	311,027	-12.0%	56
	North Cork	241,653	224,905	-6.9%	55
	North Lee	312,007	308,077	-1.3%	115
	South Lee	305,343	337,577	10.6%	170
	West Cork	166,834	156,745	-6.0%	172
CHO 5	Total	1,005,172	897,272	-10.7%	1052
	Carlow Kilkenny	258,150	227,198	-12.0%	0
	South Tipperary	203,358	169,709	-16.5%	0
	Waterford	196,208	173,245	-11.7%	262
	Wexford	347,456	327,120	-5.9%	790
CHO 6	Total	708,843	664,763	-6.2%	0
	Dublin South East	189,499	178,173	-6.0%	0
	Dun Laoghaire	246,902	256,096	3.7%	0
	Wicklow	272,442	230,493	-15.4%	0
CHO 7	Total	1,072,188	935,215	-12.8%	1,232
	Dublin South City	203,715	185,788	-8.8%	328
	Dublin South West	268,046	260,291	-2.9%	344
	Dublin West	214,438	203,957	-4.9%	273
	Kildare West Wicklow	385,989	285,178	-26.1%	287
CHO 8	Total	885,084	826,035	-6.7%	591
	Laois Offaly	216,124	207,632	-3.9%	94
	Longford Westmeath	226,418	203,996	-9.9%	74
	Louth	205,834	181,599	-11.8%	121
	Meath	236,708	232,809	-1.6%	302
CHO 9	Total	1,492,351	1,273,233	-14.7%	894
	Dublin North	657,843	520,006	-21.0%	123
	Dublin North Central	523,624	397,152	-24.2%	102
	Dublin North West	310,884	356,075	14.5%	669