



7 August 2020

**Deputy James Browne, TD**  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

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: 21086/20**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the fair deal scheme as of 30 July 2020 or the latest date available; the average waiting time; the number of persons currently awaiting placement under the scheme in each LHO in tabular form; and the length of time waiting

**The number of persons awaiting placement under the Fair Deal Scheme**

As at the 27<sup>th</sup> of July the Nursing Homes Support Scheme had a total of 578 clients on the placement list awaiting funding.

**The average waiting time**

The average wait time for each client on the Nursing Homes Support Scheme placement list as at the 27<sup>th</sup> of July is 4 weeks.

**The number of persons awaiting placement under the scheme in each LHO area in tabular form**

(Appendix 1)

**The length of time waiting**

The Nursing Homes Support Scheme operates a single National awaiting funding list. There is therefore no distinction between waiting times experienced by clients across the country. Funding provided by the Nursing Homes Support Scheme continues to be allocated on a strict chronological order basis.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Tuohy".

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**Sandra Tuohy**  
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Services for Older People

## Appendix 1

Waiting list as at 27/07/2020	
LHO	Waiting list
Area 1 - Dun Laoghaire	27
Area 10 - Wicklow	20
Area 2 - Dublin South East	25
Area 3 - Dublin South City	19
Area 4 - Dublin South West	23
Area 5 - Dublin West	10
Area 9 - Kildare	16
Carlow/Kilkenny	9
Cavan/Monaghan	13
Clare	18
Cork North Lee	27
Cork South Lee	33
Donegal	9
Dublin North Central	20
Dublin North West	22
Galway	19
Kerry	22
Laois/Offaly	13
Limerick	26
Longford/Westmeath	9
Louth	21
Mayo	15
Meath	14
North Cork	14
Northern Area	22
Roscommon	5
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	8
Tipperary North	18
Tipperary South	25
Waterford	27
West Cork	13
Wexford	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>578</b>