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Deputy Thomas Byrne
Dáil Éireann
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Re: PQ – 11505/20 – To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for a person to receive homecare support hours in County Meath – Thomas Byrne

Dear Deputy Byrne,

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. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

Applications for home support service in Co. Meath are assessed on the clients individual care needs assessment. Clients with high priority care needs receive a home support service as soon as possible, subject to the necessary resources being available.

However, unfortunately our current budget does not meet the current need for homecare in Co. Meath. I can advise you that as part of the Annual estimates process the CHO does seek additional funding for those areas of the service where we are unable to meet demand.

Home Support Services is a non-statutory scheme, the aim of which is to support an Older Person living at home. The services we provide are within our budgeted allocation and we are obliged to operate within the budgeted allocation.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett
Chief Officer
Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation