



19th March 2020

Deputy Stephen S. Donnelly, TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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: 3405/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the fair deal scheme at the end of February 2020 or latest date available; the average waiting time; the numbers of persons awaiting placement under the scheme by local health area in tabular form; and the length of time waiting - Stephen Donnelly.

The number of persons awaiting placement under the Fair Deal Scheme

As at the 24th of February the Nursing Homes Support Scheme had a total of 596 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 24th of February 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 National Waiting list for funding. There is therefore no distinction between waiting times experienced by clients across LHO. Funding provided by the Nursing Homes Support Scheme continues to be allocated on a strict chronological order basis. There is only one waiting list nationally so there are no variances around the country.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sandra Tuohy', written over a horizontal line.

Sandra Tuohy
Assistant National Director, Head of Operations & Service Improvement

Services for Older People

Appendix 1:

Waiting List as at 24/02/2020

LHO Area	Waiting List
Cavan Monaghan	17
Donegal	17
Sligo Leitrim	15
Galway	14
Mayo	23
Roscommon	16
Clare	20
Limerick	31
North Tipperary	24
Cork North Lee	19
Cork South Lee	22
Kerry	24
North Cork	17
West Cork	9
Carlow Kilkenny	11
Tipperary South	21
Waterford	21
Wexford	17
Area 1 Dun Laoghaire	11
Area 10 Wicklow	15
Area 2 Dublin South East	13
Area 3 Dublin South City	16
Area 4 Dublin South West	20
Area 5 Dublin West	9
Area 9 Kildare	15
Laois Offaly	30
Longford Westmeath	16
Louth	28
Meath	15
Dublin North Central	24
Dublin North West	20
Northern Area	26
TOTAL	596