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Deputy Stephen Donnelly,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 3411/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours being provided in each LHO area to the end of February 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 on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months in tabular form.

-Stephen Donnelly

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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

The 2020 National Service Plan provides for;

- 18.9m home support hours to be delivered to 53,700 people inclusive of 770,000 hours/2,210 home support packages funded under the Winter Initiative 2019/2020, and 230,000 hours relating to the Home Support Pilot Scheme to commence Q2 2020
- Intensive Home Care Packages delivered to approximately 235 people with approximately 360,000 hours delivered in the full year

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.

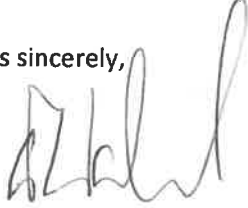
Despite the significant level of service provision, the demand for Home Support continues to grow as the population aged over 65 years' increases. All those waiting are assessed and provided with a service, if appropriate, as soon as possible having regard to their assessed needs. In addition, people being discharged from acute hospitals, who are in a position to return home with supports, are prioritised.

Preliminary data currently available reflects the period to the end of January 2020. As of this date, 1,414,429 home support hours were delivered nationally to 51,508 people. Also, as of this date, there were 7,888 people waiting for funding for new or additional home support. Please refer to Appendices 1 and 2 for breakdown by CHO/LHO. Reporting does not capture length of time on waiting lists.

The Department is currently engaged in a detailed process to develop a new stand-alone, statutory scheme for the financing and regulation of home support services. Developing a new statutory scheme will be an important step in ensuring that the system operates in a consistent and fair manner for all those who need home support services. The Sláintecare Implementation Strategy commits to the introduction of the new scheme in 2021.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



David Walsh,
National Director,
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Appendix 1 Waiting List – Jan 2020

LHO	
Cavan Monaghan	206.0
Donegal	272.0
Sligo Leitrim	14.0
Total	492.0
Galway	171.0
Mayo	267.0
Roscommon	74.0
Total	512.0
Clare	556.0
Limerick	284.0
North Tipperary East Limerick	104.0
Total	944.0
Kerry	46.0
North Cork	55.0
North Lee	211.0
South Lee	192.0
West Cork	210.0
Total	714.0
Carlow Kilkenny	78.0
South Tipperary	53.0
Waterford	266.0
Wexford	990.0
Total	1,387.0
Dublin South East	1.0
Dun Laoghaire	0.0
Wicklow	0.0
Total	1.0
Dublin South City	270.0
Dublin South West	300.0
Dublin West	230.0
Kildare West Wicklow	281.0
Total	1,081.0
Laois Offaly	121.0
Longford Westmeath	115.0
Louth	221.0
Meath	524.0
Total	981.0
Dublin North	726.0
Dublin North Central	100.0
Dublin North West	950.0
	1,776.0
National Total	7,888.0

Appendix 2 Home Support Hours Delivered Jan 2020

CHO	LHO	Target/EA YTD	Activity YTD
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	34,429	30,227
CHO 1	Donegal	67,074	61,002
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	45,360	37,465
CHO 1	Total	146,863	128,694
CHO 2	Galway	84,118	85,949
CHO 2	Mayo	56,545	46,391
CHO 2	Roscommon	32,021	26,735
CHO 2	Total	172,684	159,075
CHO 3	Clare	38,887	38,310
CHO 3	Limerick	51,849	45,153
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	38,887	40,349
CHO 3	Total	129,623	123,812
CHO 4	Kerry	58,609	52,046
CHO 4	North Cork	34,384	33,725
CHO 4	North Lee	44,394	45,481
CHO 4	South Lee	50,630	57,151
CHO 4	West Cork	27,663	26,156
CHO 4	Total	215,680	214,559
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	43,916	39,393
CHO 5	South Tipperary	34,595	31,759
CHO 5	Waterford	33,379	30,183
CHO 5	Wexford	59,109	54,242
CHO 5	Total	170,999	155,578
CHO 6	Dublin South East	32,063	26,102
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	41,776	42,579
CHO 6	Wicklow	46,097	39,858
CHO 6	Total	119,936	108,539
CHO 7	Dublin South City	34,441	31,342
CHO 7	Dublin South West	45,317	46,923
CHO 7	Dublin West	36,254	37,189
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	65,257	45,556
CHO 7	Total	181,269	161,010
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	36,733	34,367
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	38,483	35,805
CHO 8	Louth	34,984	31,658
CHO 8	Meath	40,232	36,077
CHO 8	Total	150,432	137,907
CHO 9	Dublin North	111,627	85,176
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	88,851	80,417
CHO 9	Dublin North West	52,753	59,662
CHO 9	Total	253,231	225,255
	National Total	1,540,717	1,414,429