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Ms. Sorca Clarke T.D.,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question – 8162/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in counties Longford and Westmeath that have been approved for initial or an increase in home help hours but have yet to receive them - Sorca Clarke.

Dear Deputy Clarke,

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.

I have consulted relevant colleagues and outline below waiting list for home support services in Longford & Westmeath:

County	No. of Clients	No. of Hours
Longford	46	204
Westmeath	265	1047

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.

Currently Midlands Louth Meath Community Healthcare Organisation are profiling our priority home support clients based on assessed needs and are working to provide services based on that priority profile.

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 CHO Area 8