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**Deputy Cian O'Callaghan, TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.**

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

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 32550/20

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for homecare packages by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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.

The number of people waiting for funding for home support services, reflect a point in time. Those people who are on the waiting list have been assessed and are reviewed, as funding becomes available, to ensure that individual cases continue to be dealt with on a priority basis within the available resources, having regard to the client's assessed needs and current Public Health advice.

As at the end of September 2020, 12,849,770 home support hours were delivered nationally to 52,112 people. Also, as of this date, there were 2,964 people waiting for funding for new or additional home support. Please see table 1 below for a breakdown of this by LHO.

As the country moves into the parameters of the new "Roadmap for Living with Covid", the HSE continues to work closely with providers and community staff to identify where service is most required. This is to ensure, insofar as possible, that Home Support Services can continue where needed most. The requirements of physical distancing must be encouraged, supported and maintained so as to keep our staff and service users safe and prevent any further spread of the virus.

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.



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Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Tuohy".

Sandra Tuohy,
Assistant National Director - Community Operations,
Services for Older People.



Table 1 – Preliminary Data

Home Support Waiting List Analysis

Report Month: Sept 2020

CHO	LHO	Sep-20		
		Total	New	Additional
National Total		2,964	2,313	651
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	-	-	-
	Donegal	59	37	22
	Sligo Leitrim	-	-	-
	CHO 1	59	37	22
CHO 2	Galway	81	72	9
	Mayo	192	187	5
	Roscommon	17	15	2
	CHO 2	290	274	16
CHO 3	Clare	278	251	27
	Limerick	36	17	19
	North Tipperary East Limerick	-	-	-
	CHO 3	314	268	46
CHO 4	Kerry	1	1	-
	North Cork	-	-	-
	North Lee	-	-	-
	South Lee	-	-	-
	West Cork	-	-	-
	CHO 4	1	1	-
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	-	-	-
	South Tipperary	-	-	-
	Waterford	198	131	67
	Wexford	658	447	211
	CHO 5	856	578	278
CHO 6	Dublin South East	-	-	-
	Dun Laoghaire	-	-	-
	Wicklow	-	-	-
	CHO 6	-	-	-
CHO 7	Dublin South City	344	309	35
	Dublin South West	314	234	80
	Dublin West	203	162	41
	Kildare West Wicklow	308	249	59
	CHO 7	1,169	954	215
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	50	21	29
	Longford Westmeath	22	5	17
	Louth	-	-	-
	Meath	176	156	20
	CHO 8	248	182	66
CHO 9	Dublin North	-	-	-
	Dublin North Central	-	-	-
	Dublin North West	27	19	8
	CHO 9	27	19	8