



17 November 2020

**Deputy John Lahart, TD**  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Lahart,

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: 34299/20**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the fair deal scheme as of 31 October 2020 or latest date available; the average waiting time; the number of persons awaiting placement under the scheme; and the length of time waiting by each LHO area in tabular form**

**The number of persons awaiting placement under the Fair Deal Scheme**

As at the 2 November the Nursing Homes Support Scheme had a total of 581 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 2 November 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 single National awaiting funding list. There is therefore no distinction between waiting times experienced by clients across the country. Funding provided by the Nursing Homes Support Scheme continues to be allocated on a strict chronological order basis.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Tuohy".

**Sandra Tuohy**  
Assistant National Director, Head of Operations & Service Improvement  
Services for Older People.

## Appendix 1

<b>Waiting list as at 02/11/2020</b>	
<b>LHO</b>	<b>Waiting list</b>
Area 1 - Dun Laoghaire	18
Area 10 - Wicklow	19
Area 2 - Dublin South East	18
Area 3 - Dublin South City	15
Area 4 - Dublin South West	26
Area 5 - Dublin West	12
Area 9 - Kildare	15
Carlow/Kilkenny	9
Cavan/Monaghan	11
Clare	12
Cork North Lee	19
Cork South Lee	24
Donegal	19
Dublin North Central	19
Dublin North West	22
Galway	28
Kerry	24
Laois/Offaly	18
Limerick	29
Longford/Westmeath	27
Louth	19
Mayo	21
Meath	26
North Cork	12
Northern Area	16
Roscommon	9
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	17
Tipperary North	19
Tipperary South	10
Waterford	13
West Cork	15
Wexford	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>581</b>