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

Re: Parliamentary Question – 27713/20

To ask the Minister for Health the average duration on the waiting list in counties Longford and Westmeath from when a client or their representative or family submits an application for homecare support until they are approved for homecare support - 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 response as follows.

An application for home support can be made by the person's GP, client, family member or clients Public Health Nurse.

All applications for home support require a clinical assessment of need which is completed by the Public Health Nurse. As soon as an application for home support is received in Longford and Westmeath Home Support Office, it is forwarded to the local Public Health Nurse to arrange an appointment to complete a clinical assessment for the client who is being referred.

Once the Clinical Assessment report is received in the home support office, the application is included on the agenda for the next home support forum. Home Support Forum meetings are held on a weekly basis or more frequently if required. Currently there is no waiting list for the commencement of approved services in either county.

I trust the above is in order and 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