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## PQ 28329/20

'To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the home help waiting list in County Mayo as of 29 September 2020; the number of persons awaiting homecare packages in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter'

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh,

I refer to PQ 28329/20 uploaded on the PAD System on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and due for response on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning 'the number of persons on the home help waiting list in County Mayo as of 29 September 2020; the number of persons awaiting homecare packages in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter'. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Please be advised that the HSE has moved to a single funded Home Support Service for Older People since January 2018. The funding for the Home Help Service and the Home Care Package Scheme has been combined into a single service —being the totality of the amalgamated former Home Help Service and the Home Care Package Scheme. As such, there are no persons waiting on Home Care Packages at present.

There are however 187 clients on the Waiting List for Home Support in County Mayo at 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020. HSE Community Healthcare West is working through this list at this time and offering services to those on the list who wish to avail of Home Support.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely,

Elaine Prendergast

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Community Healthcare West.