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Deputy Carol Nolan Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

Re: PQ - 22106/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in counties Laois and Offaly currently on waiting lists for home help hours, homecare packages and respite by category; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Carol Nolan

Dear Deputy Nolan,

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 wish to inform you that there are currently 25 people in Laois and 30 people in Offaly on the Home Support Services waiting list for more than 3 weeks due to the lack of carer availability.

Also, there are 95 people in Laois and 179 people in Offaly awaiting respite. The number of applications in relation to respite are expected to increase as Respite beds reopen. All emergency applications for respite cases are provided on request on a case by case basis.

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,

Anne Kennedy

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