

23rd December 2021

Deputy Thomas Gould, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 62540/21:

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons availing of homecare hours; and the number of hours assigned in County Cork by LHO.”

Dear Deputy Gould,

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.

The table below illustrates the number of older persons availing of a Home Support service in County Cork as at 30th November 2021 and the number of hours delivered in County Cork from January 2021 to November 2021 inclusive, broken down by local health office (LHO):

No. of Clients availing of Home Support Service as at Nov 2021/No of Home Support hours assigned – January to November 2021	South Lee	West Cork	North Lee	North Cork	Total
Total Number of clients availing of Home Support Service as at 30th November 2021	2057	914	2053	1550	6574
Total Number of Home Support hours delivered from January 2021 to November 2021	702316.3	313991.9	527874.4	399294.1	1943476.7

Within Cork Kerry Community Healthcare, the Home Support service is operating with 21% less staff post-Covid while delivering an average weekly service of 45,000 hours to almost 7,000 clients. A recruitment campaign to employ an additional 300 Health Care Support Assistants for the Cork and Kerry area is currently underway in order to enhance our service provision.

I trust this clarifies the position. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Jackie Daly
Head of Service for Older Persons