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16th December 2021

Rose Conway-Walsh, T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ62846/21 To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for approval of a homecare application; the level of delayed discharges from each hospital in the Saolta Group while waiting on a homecare package or community bed

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the level of delayed discharges in our hospitals as at the 15th December 2021.

Site as of 15/12/2021	GUH	LUH	MUH	PUH	SUH	RUH
Average wait time for approval of homecare application	5-7 days	24-48 hours	Wait times/availability for HCP vary	PUH has a wide catchment area and the wait times/ availability of HCP vary.	CHO1- no wait CHW approve weekly	Usually within 7 days but delays can occur
Level of delayed discharges waiting on a homecare package	4	4	1	0	1	0
Level of delayed discharges waiting on a community bed	0	5	5	0	6	0

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Cosgrove,
Chief Operations Officer,
Saolta University Health Care Group