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**Deputy Pádraig O'Sullivan, TD  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.**

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

**PQ 10625/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of homecare packages being provided in each LHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

The Home Support Service is funded by Government to deliver a volume of service each year as approved in the HSE National Service Plan. It is a non-statutory service and access to the current service is based on assessment of the person's needs by the HSE and having regard to the available resources and the competing demands for the services from those people with assessed needs.

Preliminary data currently available reflects the period to end of January 2021. As of this date, 1,571,602 home support hours were delivered nationally to 52,508 people. Also, as of this date, there were 2,144 people waiting for funding for new or additional home support. Please see table 1 below for a breakdown of hours delivered & the number of clients in receipt of a Home Support service as at the end of January 2021 YTD per LHO/CHO.

As the country moves into the parameters of the new "Roadmap for Living with COVID", the HSE continues to work closely with providers and community staff to identify where service is most required. This is to ensure, insofar as possible, that Home Support Services can continue where needed most.

The Department is currently engaged in a detailed process to develop a new stand-alone, statutory scheme for the financing and regulation of home support services. Developing a new statutory scheme will be an important step in ensuring that the system operates in a consistent and fair manner for all those who need home support services.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sandra Tuohy".

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**Sandra Tuohy  
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# Home Support Service Provision 2021

Activity January 2021 YTD

CHO	LHO	January 2021 Activity YTD	January 2021 Clients
<b>National Total</b>		<b>1,571,604</b>	<b>52,508</b>
CHO1	Cavan Monaghan	39,023	1,231
	Donegal	73,272	1,574
	Sligo Leitrim	40,284	1,317
	<b>Total</b>	<b>152,579</b>	<b>4,122</b>
CHO2	Galway	91,304	3,271
	Mayo	53,533	2,000
	Roscommon	32,782	1,031
	<b>Total</b>	<b>177,619</b>	<b>6,302</b>
CHO3	Clare	40,960	1,315
	Limerick	46,154	1,731
	North Tipperary East Limerick	35,552	1,174
	<b>Total</b>	<b>122,666</b>	<b>4,220</b>
CHO4	Kerry	52,861	2,424
	North Cork	33,796	1,444
	North Lee	44,834	2,010
	South Lee	57,979	1,923
	West Cork	26,377	881
	<b>Total</b>	<b>215,847</b>	<b>8,682</b>
CHO5	Carlow Kilkenny	45,306	1,448
	South Tipperary	32,433	1,193
	Waterford	31,889	1,329
	Wexford	54,701	1,656
	<b>Total</b>	<b>164,329</b>	<b>5,626</b>
CHO6	Dublin South East	42,416	1,288
	Dun Laoghaire	58,714	1,593
	Wicklow	42,034	1,191
	<b>Total</b>	<b>143,164</b>	<b>4,072</b>
CHO7	Dublin South City	36,393	1,732
	Dublin South West	49,005	2,057
	Dublin West	41,241	1,541
	Kildare West Wicklow	50,021	1,931
	<b>Total</b>	<b>176,660</b>	<b>7,261</b>
CHO8	Laois Offaly	37,986	1,152
	Longford Westmeath	42,704	1,282
	Louth	31,074	1,168
	Meath	47,446	1,358
	<b>Total</b>	<b>159,210</b>	<b>4,960</b>
CHO9	Dublin North	107,889	2,957
	Dublin North Central	78,342	2,207
	Dublin North West	73,299	2,099
	<b>Total</b>	<b>259,530</b>	<b>7,263</b>