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**11 March 2021**

**Deputy Alan Kelly, TD**

**Dáil Eireann,**

**Leinster House,**

**Kildare Street,**

**Dublin 2.**

Dear Deputy Kelly,

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: 10916/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of properties owned by patients in the Nursing Home Support Scheme by local authority area; and the number of those properties that are vacant by local authority area in tabular form**

The number of people who have a principal private residence included in their financial assessment for the Nursing Homes Support Scheme as at the 31/12/2020 was 13,142.

A breakdown of these properties by local health office area is provided at appendix A.

The HSE does not record and cannot confirm the number of homes that are currently vacant as this information is not required for financial assessment purposes under the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009 (as amended).



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I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Tuohy".

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**Sandra Tuohy**

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