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**Deputy Róisín Shortall, TD**  
**Dáil Eireann,**  
**Leinster House,**  
**Kildare Street,**  
**Dublin 2.**

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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 2107/21**

**The number of persons on waiting lists for homecare; the number of patients in delayed discharge from hospital due to the fact they are awaiting a homecare placement; 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 the end of December 2020. As of this date, 17,554,880 Home Support hours were delivered nationally to 52,853 people. Also, as of this date, there were 2,418 people assessed and waiting for funding or new or additional Home Support. In relation to patients within the acute hospital system who are awaiting discharge home, the latest data available relates to patients on the National DTOC Report as at midnight on 19 January 2021. As of this date, 58 patients nationally, were awaiting discharge home, of which 27 has been assessed and waiting to commence a home support service.

Please see table below with a breakdown across various reporting categories in respect of same.

Yours sincerely

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

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**Sandra Tuohy**  
**Assistant National Director**  
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**Table 1 – Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC) – 19 January 2021**

Number of Delayed Transfer of Care by Reason		DTOC Bed Days Lost				DTOC Number of Patients			
19/01/2021		O65	U65	Total	% of National Total	O65	U65	Total	% of National Total
Type A: Home	National Total	11655	5489	17144		341	75	416	
	Type A: HOME SUPPORT SERVICE	726	857	1583	9.2%	44	14	58	13.9%
	DTOCA1 MFFD - awaiting to transfer out for Care Needs Assessment (Discharge to Assess)			0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%
	DTOCA2 MFFD - awaiting assessment for ongoing HSP by Community Services	40	65	105	0.6%	5	1	6	1.4%
	DTOCA3 MFFD - awaiting Discharge to Assess for Reablement Package			0	0.0%	0	0	0	0.0%
	DTOCA4 MFFD - application submitted but patient now waiting for funding for HSP	122	140	262	1.5%	20	3	23	5.5%
	DTOCA5 MFFD - application submitted, funding approved but patient waiting for carer availability for HSP	549	636	1185	6.9%	18	9	27	6.5%
	DTOCA6 MFFD - Intensive Home Care Package required (>21 hours), but awaiting CHO approval	15	16	31	0.2%	1	1	2	0.5%