



**Claire Kerrane TD**  
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Leinster House,  
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**PQ 15480/21**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with complex medical conditions availing of paediatric homecare following discharge from hospital in the past six months. -Claire Kerrane”**

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 15480/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE is committed to adopting an integrated approach to providing care for children with complex healthcare needs in the community setting which is focused on the needs of the child and their family. Paediatric homecare packages (PHCP) are intensive nursing home supports put in place, following a nursing assessment, to enable families to care for children with complex healthcare needs at home.

PHCP packages are provided for children to allow discharge from hospital, for children who were recently discharged from hospital, children who may require nursing support for palliative care and for other children whose care needs have presented at a later age. In the 6 month period from September 2020 to February 2021 inclusive a combined total of 48 new PHCP packages were put in place. The HSE Service Plan for 2021 includes a priority action to provide an additional 100 PHCP packages in 2021.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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