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**Deputy Éamon Ó Cuív, TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.**

Dear Deputy Ó Cuív,

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: 16222/21: To ask the Minister for Health the waiting time for approved applicants for the nursing home subvention scheme before they go into payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Éamon Ó Cuív

The number of persons awaiting placement under the Fair Deal Scheme

As at the 12th of April the Nursing Homes Support Scheme had a total of 500 clients on the placement list awaiting funding.

The average waiting time

The average wait time for each client on the Nursing Homes Support Scheme placement list as at the 12th of April is 4 weeks.

**The number of persons awaiting placement under the scheme in each LHO area in tabular form
(Appendix 1)**

The length of time waiting

The Nursing Homes Support Scheme operates a single National awaiting funding list. There is therefore no distinction between waiting times experienced by clients across the country. Funding provided by the Nursing Homes Support Scheme continues to be allocated on a strict chronological order basis.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

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

Sandra Tuohy,
Assistant National Director - Community Operations,
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Appendix 1

Waiting list as at 12/04/2021	
Area 1 - Dun Laoghaire	17
Area 10 - Wicklow	15
Area 2 - Dublin South East	10
Area 3 - Dublin South City	11
Area 4 - Dublin South West	13
Area 5 - Dublin West	6
Area 9 - Kildare	10
Carlow/Kilkenny	13
Cavan/Monaghan	13
Clare	13
Cork North Lee	9
Cork South Lee	20
Donegal	16
Dublin North Central	21
Dublin North West	32
Galway	21
Kerry	12
Laois/Offaly	15
Limerick	27
Longford/Westmeath	21
Louth	13
Mayo	23
Meath	21
North Cork	3
Northern Area	24
Roscommon	8
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	14

Tipperary North	12
Tipperary South	16
Waterford	25
West Cork	9
Wexford	17
Total	500