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Deputy Roisin Shortall
Dáil Éireann
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Re: PQ - 53338/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the lack of available home support service carers in County Meath; the number of persons in County Meath who have been approved for home support but whose service has not commenced due to lack of carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Roisin Shortall

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

1. Number in Community waiting on care staff for new home support service = 160
2. Number in Community waiting on care staff for additional home support service = 109

Significant efforts are underway to recruit new carers for Co. Meath, in tandem with ongoing efforts by agencies to recruit to increase carer capacity also.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Des O'Flynn
Chief Officer
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