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Deputy Thomas Gould, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

PQ ref 54367/21

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons availing of the fair deal scheme by the primary care centre and primary health network catchment area in County Cork currently in tabular form”.

Dear Deputy Gould,

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.

The Nursing Homes Support Scheme, also known as the “Fair Deal”, provides financial support to people who need long-term nursing home care. Under this scheme, individuals make a contribution towards the cost of care and the Health Service Executive pays the balance. The scheme covers approved private nursing homes, voluntary nursing homes and public nursing homes.

Categorisation of information by primary care centre/primary health network catchment area is not available at present. The tables below detail the number of persons in Cork availing of the Fair Deal Scheme in both public and private units, broken down by Local Health Office (LHO).

Number of Persons availing of Fair Deal Scheme by LHO area - Public Units	
LHO Area	Number of Persons availing
North Cork	72
North Lee	228
South Lee	162
West Cork	146
Total	608

Number of Persons availing of Fair Deal Scheme by LHO area - Private Units	
LHO Area	Numbers of Persons availing
North Cork	539
North Lee	598
West Cork	227
South Lee	647
Total:	2011

Please note the following:

1. The data in relation to Private Units is based on the Private Nursing Home October Payment run – the November figures will not be available until after the due date for this response.
2. The data in relation to Public Units is based on the Public Units November payment run which was completed this week (w/c 15/11/21).

I trust this clarifies the position. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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