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PQ ref 59007/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the total number of homecare hours applied for in the HSE CHO1 area of County Donegal; the total number granted in tabular form over each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy MacLochlainn

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have examined the matter and can advise that the number of homecare hours is not stipulated in an application for homecare services as the number of hours that a client may receive is only determined after a standard assessment is submitted by a clinical health professional, such as a Public Health Nurse or Community Mental Health Nurse, to the Home Care Clinical Team.

It is then the responsibility of the Home Care Team to approve the service based on the applicability and clinically-assessed need of the applicant and to tailor a Plan of Care, including the number of homecare hours, for each applicant.

In Co Donegal, the number of approved hours that have been put in place over the past five years demonstrates the extensive increase in the provision of homecare hours since 2017.

Please see below table which outlines the number of homecare hours that have been put in place by the Donegal Home Care Service in each of the years from 2017 to November 2021.

Jan 2017 - Dec 2017	513,776
Jan 2018 - Dec 2018	734,666
Jan 2019 - Dec 2019	693,922
Jan 2020 - Dec 2020	788,223
Jan 2021 – Nov 2021	934,790

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin Collum". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Martin Collum
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