

Deputy Claire Kerrane
Houses of the Oireachtas
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Dublin 2.

1st December 2021

PQ Number: 59050/21

PQ Question: *‘To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for approval of a homecare application; the level of delayed discharges from Portiuncula Hospital while waiting on a homecare package or community bed.*


Dear Deputy Kerrane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of representations in relation to the above PQ which was submitted to the Minister for Health.

Portiuncula University Hospital (as at 1st December 2021)	
Average wait time for approval of homecare application	Portiuncula has a wide catchment area and the wait times/ availability of home-help varies from county to county and even within counties. Galway is particularly challenging in relation to the availability of home-help.
Level of delayed discharges waiting on a homecare package	0
Level of delayed discharges waiting on a community bed	0

I trust that this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,



Mr James Keane,
General Manager.