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To ask the Minister for Health the number of Home Help Hours provided in 2020 and to date in 2021, in County Wexford; the number of hours that were HSE direct provision; the number of hours that were provided by private providers; the number of persons that have received these hours in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Mythen,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

The Home Support Service is funded to deliver a volume of service each year as approved in the HSE National Service Plan. It is a non-statutory service and access to the current service is based on assessment of the person's needs by the HSE having regard to the available resources and the competing demands for the service for those people with assessed needs.

Despite the significant level of service provision the demand for Home Support continues to grow as the population aged over 65 years' increases.

The table below highlights the home support provision in the Wexford area.

Wexford Area - Home Support Service		
	January - December 2020	January - To Date 2021
Hours Delivered	55,601	54,927
Direct provision	33,591	30,985
Indirect provision	22,010	23,942
Number of Clients	1,665	1,698

There are ongoing issues in sourcing staff for both HSE and Private Providers and particularly at this time. In addition given the ageing demographic profile of this workforce and also with greater numbers of older people in our population, there is a need for home support staff on an ongoing basis.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end of the name.

Barbara Murphy
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