



20th October, 2021

Deputy John Lahart, TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Lahart,

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

PQ: 48675/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the fair deal scheme as at 30th September, 2021 or the latest date available; the average waiting time; the number of persons currently awaiting placement under the scheme by LHO in tabular form; and the length of waiting time

The number of persons awaiting placement under the Fair Deal Scheme

As at the 27th September the Nursing Homes Support Scheme had a total of 479 clients on the placement list awaiting funding.

The average waiting time

The average wait time for each client on the Nursing Homes Support Scheme placement list as at the 30th September is 4 weeks.

The number of persons awaiting placement under the scheme in each LHO area in tabular form

(Appendix 1)

The length of time waiting

The Nursing Homes Support Scheme operates a single National awaiting funding list. There is therefore no distinction between waiting times experienced by clients across the country. Funding provided by the Nursing Homes Support Scheme continues to be allocated on a strict chronological order basis.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Tuohy".

Sandra Tuohy
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Services for Older People

Appendix 1

Waiting list as at 27th September, 2021	
Area 1 - Dun Laoghaire	20
Area 10 - Wicklow	12
Area 2 - Dublin South East	20
Area 3 - Dublin South City	19
Area 4 - Dublin South West	26
Area 5 - Dublin West	15
Area 9 - Kildare	16
Carlow/Kilkenny	17
Cavan/Monaghan	10
Clare	12
Cork North Lee	10
Cork South Lee	21
Donegal	16
Dublin North Central	18
Dublin North West	10
Galway	16
Kerry	12
Laois/Offaly	16
Limerick	24
Longford/Westmeath	17
Louth	10
Mayo	11
Meath	14
North Cork	14
Northern Area	23
Roscommon	7
Sligo/Leitrim/West Cavan	7
Tipperary North	11
Tipperary South	8
Waterford	12
West Cork	11
Wexford	24
Grand Total	479