

1st November 2021

Deputy Michael Moynihan, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

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"To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons on the waiting list for home care support in each local health office area in CHO4; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Moynihan,

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 table below illustrates the number of older persons waitlisted for Home Support within the Cork Kerry Community Healthcare region, broken down into local health office areas:

LHO	Waiting List – September 2021	Waiting List – June 2020
North Lee	53	96
South Lee	211	74
North Cork	28	55
West Cork	124	14
Kerry	173	44
TOTAL	589	283

The HSE continues to work towards increasing Home Support provision; however, difficulties currently exist in relation to recruitment and retention of staff with certain areas experiencing increased pressures. This can lead to delays between the approval of funding and the delivery of home support hours. Work is underway to address these challenges including the establishment of a Strategic Workforce Advisory Group to look in detail at issues of recruitment, retention, skills development, pay and conditions, and sustainable employment of home carers into the future.

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

Yours sincerely,



Jackie Daly
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