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To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons on the waiting list for homecare support in each local health office area in CHO1; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smith

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Set out below is the tabular representation of the number of Service Users waiting on new or additional home support and the corresponding number of hours at the end of June 2021.

	Sligo Leitrim		Donegal		Cavan Monaghan		CHO1 wide	
	Total Service Users waiting on a new or additional home support	Total Hours	Total Service Users waiting on a new or additional home support	Total Hours	Total Service Users waiting on a new or additional home support	Total Hours	Total Service Users waiting on a new or additional home support	Total Hours
2021								
June	30	79	81	636	122	472	233	1187

It must be noted that the waiting list fluctuates monthly to reflect home support services commencing and also new referrals received. The waiting list ultimately is dependent on a number of factors including availability of HCSA from the HSE, availability of staff from the private agencies. The geographical location of the service will also have an effect on the waiting list which again will be dependent on the availability of staff.

Yours sincerely



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