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PQ 44152/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved HSE Homecare hours in Co. Wexford; the number of HSE Homecare hours presently being delivered in Co. Wexford; the number of approved hours presently waiting allocation of delivery to approved clients; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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 table outlines the summary activity in relation to Home Support provision in the Wexford area.

No. Hours provided per month	53,942
No. of clients per month	1,674
No. clients in receipt of newly increased/additional services	216
No. of clients in receipt of new service	649
No. approved hours awaiting allocation	4,325

There are ongoing staffing recruitment challenges in relation to Home Support Workers. The HSE/ SECH have run two recruitment campaigns for home support workers in the Wexford area, the first in 2020 which resulted in the employment of 3 people, and in 2021 with 6 people employed and a further 6 people are being progressed at present. A further recruitment campaign is planned and will be advertised the week of 27th September 2021.

The HSE also uses tendered private providers to resource packages of care and services. I am advised by private providers that they also are experiencing significant challenges in recruitment of home support workers.

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 under the name.

Barbara Murphy
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