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To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who are not receiving, their allocated numbers of hours of home care support; the number of hours, they are short for the months January to September 2021 in the CHO1 area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kenny

The Heath 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 for the Months January through to August, 2021. September 2021 data is not yet available.

CHO1 Total		
2021	Total Service Users waiting on a new or additional home support	Total Hours
January	285	1272
February	290	1101
March	275	1074
April	236	1142
May	221	1053
June	233	1187
July	358	1537
August	374	1962



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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