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To ask the Minister for Health the number of homecare service hours provided to HSE patients in CHO1 by private agency staff; the cost associated with same each month from January to September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kenny

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.

The provision of Home Support Services are an important element to support Older People to continue to live in their own homes and community. Access to the Service is currently based on assessment of an Individual's needs. The CHO1 Home Support Service is funded each year to deliver a service as approved in the National Service Plan. CHO1 target hours has been set at 1,791,320 core hours, with an additional 555,000 hours allocated as part of the winter planning funding 2021.

Home Support Services in CHO1 are provided by both directly employed HSE Health Care Support Assistants and also by Voluntary/Private Providers who have a formal tender agreement with the HSE to deliver services.

Preliminary data available indicates that service provision should be at least 1,963m hrs in 2021. This represents an increase of 333 k (20.4%) increase on the 2020 position.

The table overleaf demonstrates the number of hours utilised by the Tendered Private Providers available to CHO1 to assist in delivering this essential service to the older person within their home



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CHO1	Private Hours	Approx Costing
Jan	51,219	€1,690,219
Feb	46,387	€1,530,763
Mar	48,832	€1,611,448
Apr	48,599	€1,603,755
May	52,428	€1,730,124
Jun	55,217	€1,822,160
Jul	57,193	€1,887,371
Aug	57,786	€1,906,938
Total	417,660	€13782,777

I trust this is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr Frank Morrison
Head of Service - Older Persons CHO1