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Deputy Cormac Devlin

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Dear Deputy Devlin

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

**PQ 63063/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of home care support hours for older persons being provided in each LHO area to date in 2022; the way that this compares to each LHO in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

The Home Support Service is funded by Government to deliver a volume of service each year as approved in the HSE National Service Plan. For 2022 it is expected that 23.67m hours will be delivered to 55,675 people by year end. The Service is a non-statutory one with access based on an HSE assessment of the person's needs, having regard to the available resources and the competing demands for the service from those people with assessed needs. Notwithstanding the significant level of service provision, the demand for Home Support, and its importance as an alternative service to long stay care, has grown considerably over the past number of years.

Latest available reported activity reflects the period to end of October 2022. As of this date, 17,562,809 home support hours were delivered nationally to 56,210 people. In addition, 7 people were assessed and waiting for funding for new or additional home support and 6,125 people were assessed and waiting on care staff to be assigned at that time..

In terms of the requested information, Appendix 1 hereunder sets out the National/CHO/LHO Home Support activity as at the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2020 and as at the 31<sup>st</sup> of October 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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## Appendix 1 – Home Support Hours delivered 2022 compared to 2020 activity

Reported Activity as of 31<sup>st</sup> of October, 2022 – Data Source Datamart

Metric	CHO	LHO	Activity October YTD 2020	Activity October YTD 2022
<b>No. of home support hours provided</b>	<b>National Total</b>		<b>14,392,077</b>	<b>17,562,809</b>
	<b>CHO 1</b>		<b>1,368,300</b>	<b>1,874,966</b>
	CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	352,555	444,866
	CHO 1	Donegal	642,982	910,839
	CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	372,761	519,261
	<b>CHO 2</b>		<b>1,654,157</b>	<b>1,915,472</b>
	CHO 2	Galway	863,252	1,000,792
	CHO 2	Mayo	504,817	553,462
	CHO 2	Roscommon	286,090	361,218
	<b>CHO 3</b>		<b>1,175,188</b>	<b>1,563,456</b>
	CHO 3	Clare	396,536	528,637
	CHO 3	Limerick	423,255	600,661
	CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	355,396	434,158
	<b>CHO 4</b>		<b>2,274,518</b>	<b>2,330,879</b>
	CHO 4	Kerry	554,630	582,182
	CHO 4	North Cork	352,751	355,756
	CHO 4	North Lee	479,677	470,043
	CHO 4	South Lee	609,174	642,417
	CHO 4	West Cork	278,287	280,481
	<b>CHO 5</b>		<b>1,513,082</b>	<b>1,719,971</b>
	CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	384,579	476,187
	CHO 5	South Tipperary	285,647	338,826
	CHO 5	Waterford	294,998	347,666
	CHO 5	Wexford	547,857	557,292
	<b>CHO 6</b>		<b>1,143,690</b>	<b>1,368,668</b>
	CHO 6	Dublin South East	296,662	432,747
	CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	455,410	547,245
	CHO 6	Wicklow	391,620	388,676
	<b>CHO 7</b>		<b>1,641,959</b>	<b>1,856,361</b>
	CHO 7	Dublin South City	330,849	396,529
	CHO 7	Dublin South West	445,642	508,071
	CHO 7	Dublin West	358,129	392,785
	CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	507,342	558,976
	<b>CHO 8</b>		<b>1,386,561</b>	<b>1,970,907</b>
	CHO 8	Laois Offaly	320,051	518,271
	CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	349,544	504,351
	CHO 8	Louth	308,012	437,229
	CHO 8	Meath	408,957	511,057
	<b>CHO 9</b>		<b>2,234,622</b>	<b>2,962,129</b>
	CHO 9	Dublin North	918,125	1,169,095
	CHO 9	Dublin North Central	692,674	898,468
	CHO 9	Dublin North West	623,822	894,566