

18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Deputy Padraig O'Sullivan, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 6907/22:**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the HSE budget spend on home help and carers in CHO4; the breakdown of the spend on private agencies and outsourcing of home support services; and if he will make a statement on the matter".**

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare has operational responsibility for planning, managing, and delivering home support services in the region. Home Support services are delivered either directly by HSE employed staff, or on the CHO's behalf by a combination of private and 'Section 39' organisations (i.e. voluntary/not-for-profit) providers who operate under service level agreements with the HSE.

The table below sets out the 2021 expenditure on Home Support in the region, broken down by HSE and private provider:

<b>Category</b>	<b>2021 Spend</b>
<b>HSE Home Support</b>	46, 821,924
<b>Private Provider Home Support</b>	13,682,974
<b>Grand Total</b>	60,504,898

We are aware that there are ongoing capacity issues across both direct and indirect provision of Home Support, and we continue to advertise on an ongoing basis for Health Care Support Assistants. A Cork Kerry Community Healthcare recruitment campaign is currently underway to source 300 additional Health Care Support Assistants with interviews due to take place shortly.

I trust this clarifies the position. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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Jackie Daly  
Head of Service for Older Persons