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**Deputy Pádraig O'Sullivan TD,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.**

**Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,**

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 1163/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of homecare packages being received in each LHO area; 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. It is a non-statutory service and access to the current service is based on assessment of the person's needs by the HSE and having regard to the available resources and the competing demands for the services from those people with assessed needs.

NSP 2022 provides for the following: -

- Rollover of the 2021 target levels of service into 2022, inclusive of the additional 5m hours funded in 2021 to 23.67m hours nationally
- 360,000 hours provided via Intensive Home Care Packages
- 230,000 hours associated with the roll-out of the pilot Statutory Home Support Scheme, which commenced in late 2021


Despite 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. Similarly, the type of Home Support that is now required to meet the needs of the population is a more person-centred personal care model.

Preliminary activity data currently available reflects the period to end of December 2021. As of this date, 20,463,216 Home Support hours were delivered nationally to 55,043 people, while 21,164 new Home Support clients have benefitted from the service. Also, as of this date, there were 474 people waiting for funding for new or additional home support, while 5,322 people were approved for Home Support but are awaiting a carer to be assigned.

It should be noted that despite capacity challenges experienced nationwide within Home Support services, overall service delivery has increased by 14% based on activity levels for the same period last year. Please see Appendix 1 below for a breakdown of Home Support activity as at end of December 2021.

The Department is currently engaged in a detailed process to develop a new stand-alone, statutory scheme for the financing and regulation of home support services. Developing a new statutory scheme will be an important step in ensuring that the system operates in a consistent and fair manner for all those who need home support services.

Yours sincerely,

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**Sandra Tuohy**  
**Assistant National Director**  
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**Appendix 1 – Home Support Activity – December 2021**  
*Preliminary data*

## Home Support Activity 2021

Report Date: December 2021

CHO	LHO	Total Hours Delivered	No of Clients
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	504,132	1,230
CHO 1	Donegal	918,666	1,745
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	584,997	1,363
<b>CHO 1</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,007,795</b>	<b>4,338</b>
CHO 2	Galway	1,215,901	3,452
CHO 2	Mayo	685,634	2,137
CHO 2	Roscommon	430,133	1,117
<b>CHO 2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,331,668</b>	<b>6,706</b>
CHO 3	Clare	587,317	1,459
CHO 3	Limerick	625,951	1,770
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	501,347	1,362
<b>CHO 3</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,714,615</b>	<b>4,591</b>
CHO 4	Kerry	717,094	2,511
CHO 4	North Cork	432,852	1,547
CHO 4	North Lee	572,520	2,045
CHO 4	South Lee	763,630	2,052
CHO 4	West Cork	341,055	915
<b>CHO 4</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,827,151</b>	<b>9,070</b>
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	502,607	1,581
CHO 5	South Tipperary	330,677	1,384
CHO 5	Waterford	430,096	1,480
CHO 5	Wexford	645,040	1,777
<b>CHO 5</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,908,419</b>	<b>6,222</b>
CHO 6	Dublin South East	596,274	1,526
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	805,839	1,768
CHO 6	Wicklow	513,858	1,222
<b>CHO 6</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,915,971</b>	<b>4,516</b>
CHO 7	Dublin South City	478,346	1,478
CHO 7	Dublin South West	644,950	1,682
CHO 7	Dublin West	504,332	1,327
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	682,850	1,685
<b>CHO 7</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,310,477</b>	<b>6,172</b>
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	560,357	1,427
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	559,830	1,404
CHO 8	Louth	414,250	1,450
CHO 8	Meath	580,839	1,672
<b>CHO 8</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,115,276</b>	<b>5,953</b>
CHO 9	Dublin North	1,318,969	3,037
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	1,021,566	2,220
CHO 9	Dublin North West	991,308	2,218
<b>CHO 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,331,843</b>	<b>7,475</b>
<b>National Total</b>		<b>20,463,216</b>	<b>55,043</b>