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Mr Brian Stanley T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 1765/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons approved for home support hours but who are awaiting a carer in counties Laois and Offaly, respectively; and the number waiting for more than three and more than six months. -Brian Stanley

Dear Deputy Stanley

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 I outline the position as follows in respect of Social Care Older Person Services and Social Care Disability Services.

Social Care Older Persons

<u>HOME SUPPORTS SERVICES WAITING LIST @ 28th January 2022</u>	<u>Laois</u>	<u>Offaly</u>
Clients with No Service	3	27
Clients waiting for increase in existing service e.g. weekend calls	51	80
Clients waiting for new service longer than 3 months	0	0
Clients waiting for increase in existing service longer than 3 months	9	43
Clients waiting for new service longer than 6 months	0	0
Clients waiting for increase in existing service longer than 6 months	0	27

A recruitment campaign has taken place and CHO8 will continue to recruit additional Health Care Support Assistants across the area to address gaps in service provision. Ongoing discussions are also taking place with all approved private agencies, to support the agencies with additional recruitment campaigns.



Social Care Disability Services

Combined waiting list for Laois and Offaly Physical and Sensory clients are as follows:

30 clients waiting for a total of 145 hours per week

- 1 client waiting more than 3 months
- 29 clients waiting more than 6 months

Combined waiting list for Laois and Offaly Intellectual Disability and Autism clients are as follows:

87 clients waiting for a total of 463 hours per week

- 5 clients less than three months
- 1 client over three months
- 81 clients over six months

I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Des O'Flynn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Des O'Flynn
Chief Officer
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