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Deputy Johnny Mythen
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2.

PQ 1955/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for homecare support in County Wexford; the average length of time that persons have been waiting; the single longest period of time that a person has been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Mythen,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

The Home Support Service, funded by Government, provides for the provision of services to be delivered each year as approved in the HSE National Service Operational 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 competing demands for the services from those who have had their needs assessed.

Despite the significant level of service provision in South East Community Healthcare Area, the demand for Home Support continues to grow as the population aged over 65 years increases.

The information with regards to the length of time waiting is not routinely collected in the format requested as the Home Support service is based on individual clinical need and risk assessment.

The following table details the number of Home Support hours delivered in Wexford in December 2021.

Home Support Service Location	Hours delivered Dec. 2021	Number of people on the last day of December in receipt of services
Wexford	28,691.35	1,777



The waiting list for Home Support Services in the Wexford area is at present 644 waiting for new services and 227 waiting for increased provision.

A review of the Home Support services in Wexford was completed in November 2021 and there are plans to implement the recommendations across 2022.

There continues to be significant staffing and recruitment challenges for both HSE and Private Providers across SECH. However, the recent recruitment campaign completed in November 2021 will bring 9 new staff to the Home Support Services team in Wexford. There are additional recruitment campaigns planned for 2022.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen McDaid', written over a light grey grid background.

Helen McDaid
Head of Service
South East Community Healthcare