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Deputy Peadar Tóibín
Dáil Éireann
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Re PQ 2406/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in County Meath who are waiting for a homecarer to be allocated to them despite having been approved for same – Deputy Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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 outlined the position as follows.

There are currently 196 persons in Co Meath who are waiting for a home carer to be allocated to them despite having been approved for same. 82 of these clients are in receipt of the service already and are awaiting carers to provide increased approved hours. This is as a result of the Covid working environment and ongoing difficulties in recruiting home care staff (both HSE staff and external agency staff).

A recruitment campaign has taken place within CHO8 and this will continue to recruit additional Health Care Support Assistants in Meath and other areas across CHO8 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

Des O'Flynn
Chief Officer
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