



19<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Deputy David Cullinane,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 35379/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of home care and home help hours currently funded by the HSE and the delivery of home help hours for January to May 2022, broken down by month, provider and home help category in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**PQ 35380/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of home care and home help hours delivered to date in 2022; 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 May 2022. As of this date, 8,729,640 Home Support hours were delivered nationally to 55,392 people. Please note that data requested in relation to the number of hours provided by each provider, and home help category, is not currently collated nationally. While this information may be available locally, would take considerable resources to collect same. In that regard, please see Appendix 1 below for a breakdown of Home Support activity by CHO, as at end of May 2022.

A joint work programme between the Department of Health and HSE, for the design and development of the new statutory home support scheme and regulation, is underway with the Department of Health leading out on the detailed process to determine what type of home care scheme is best to meet the ongoing and evolving needs of

our older people. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandra Broderick". Below the signature is a horizontal line.

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**Sandra Broderick**  
**Assistant National Director – Operations**  
**Services for Older People**

**Appendix 1 – Home Support Activity May 2022 YTD**

CHO Summary YTD	MONTHLY HOME SUPPORT ACTIVITY - by CHO					
	Activity YTD 2022	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22
CHO 1	906,156	177,401	176,550	186,381	180,707	185,117
CHO 2	945,712	186,490	179,800	196,188	185,862	197,372
CHO 3	776,647	148,236	154,279	155,095	157,803	161,235
CHO 4	1,096,851	219,996	215,709	217,504	220,392	223,249
CHO 5	839,012	171,853	162,562	155,638	185,892	163,068
CHO 6	840,153	170,385	161,473	173,284	164,055	170,956
CHO 7	911,545	189,315	182,707	174,967	176,453	188,103
CHO 8	950,392	188,135	174,748	196,601	196,170	194,738
CHO 9	1,463,173	286,269	277,635	296,545	302,591	300,134
<b>National Total</b>	<b>8,729,640</b>	<b>1,738,078</b>	<b>1,685,463</b>	<b>1,752,204</b>	<b>1,769,923</b>	<b>1,783,972</b>