



20th July 2022

Deputy John Lahart,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Lahart,

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 35392/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours currently being provided in each LHO area as of 1 July 2022 or the latest date available; the way that compares to target in each LHO for the same time period; and the number of persons currently on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; the number waiting 0-3, 3-6, 6-12 and 12 months plus in tabular form

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

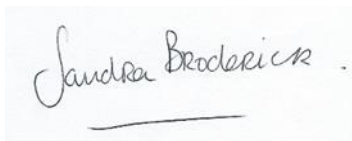
Despite the significant level of service provision, the demand for Home Support, and its importance as an alternative service to long stay care, has grown considerably over the past number of years. Similarly, the type of Home Support that is now required to meet the needs of the population is a more person-centred personal care model.

Preliminary activity data currently available reflects the period to end of June 2022. As of this date, 10,568,906 Home Support hours were delivered nationally to 56,018 people. This represents a 9.3% increase in the number of hours delivered when compared to the same period last year. Also, as of this date, there were 230 people assessed and waiting for funding for new or additional home support, while 5,240 people were assessed and approved for Home Support but are awaiting a carer to be assigned.

Please note that data requested in relation to the number of persons currently on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; the number waiting 0-3, 3-6, 6-12 and 12 months plus, 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/LHO, as at end of June 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,

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Sandra Broderick
Assistant National Director – Operations
Services for Older People

Appendix 1 – Home Support Activity by LHO - June 2022 YTD

CHO	LHO	SERVICE PROVISION YTD			WAITING LIST	
		Full Year Target 2022	Target YTD	Hours Delivered	Funding	Carers
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	581,849	278,635	264,040	2	283
CHO 1	Donegal	1,027,058	488,084	527,805	-	168
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	694,573	330,078	302,863	-	75
CHO 1	Total	2,303,480	1,096,797	1,094,708	2	526
CHO 2	Galway	1,222,405	594,080	594,777	-	204
CHO 2	Mayo	821,714	399,347	327,500	-	227
CHO 2	Roscommon	465,331	226,146	216,703	-	135
CHO 2	Total	2,509,450	1,219,573	1,138,980	-	566
CHO 3	Clare	567,000	281,170	318,661	-	255
CHO 3	Limerick	756,000	374,893	351,594	-	189
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	567,000	281,170	262,678	-	163
CHO 3	Total	1,890,000	937,233	932,932	-	607
CHO 4	Kerry	956,332	398,725	344,176	-	289
CHO 4	North Cork	561,047	270,040	220,496	1	99
CHO 4	North Lee	724,390	348,660	293,521	-	104
CHO 4	South Lee	826,143	344,444	358,887	-	395
CHO 4	West Cork	451,388	188,198	156,009	-	90
CHO 4	Total	3,519,300	1,550,067	1,373,090	1	977
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	677,835	292,094	279,452	-	113
CHO 5	South Tipperary	533,960	230,094	203,012	-	164
CHO 5	Waterford	515,187	222,005	203,190	-	188
CHO 5	Wexford	912,328	393,141	329,415	-	487
CHO 5	Total	2,639,310	1,137,334	1,015,069	-	952
CHO 6	Dublin South East	531,981	263,806	330,517	-	42
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	693,147	343,725	412,996	-	119
CHO 6	Wicklow	764,842	379,278	264,557	-	159
CHO 6	Total	1,989,970	986,809	1,008,070	-	320
CHO 7	Dublin South City	542,951	244,373	232,626	-	159
CHO 7	Dublin South West	714,409	321,542	305,292	-	200
CHO 7	Dublin West	571,531	257,235	232,277	-	186
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	1,028,749	463,020	331,906	13	117
CHO 7	Total	2,857,640	1,286,170	1,102,101	13	662
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	580,542	275,962	299,944	207	-
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	608,188	289,103	294,276	-	63
CHO 8	Louth	552,898	262,820	248,256	-	180
CHO 8	Meath	635,832	302,244	300,150	-	231
CHO 8	Total	2,377,460	1,130,129	1,142,626	207	474
CHO 9	Dublin North	1,579,597	795,225	695,329	7	68
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	1,257,306	632,972	533,592	-	3
CHO 9	Dublin North West	746,487	375,809	532,409	-	85
CHO 9	Total	3,583,390	1,804,006	1,761,330	7	156
National Total		23,670,000	11,148,118	10,568,906	230	5,240