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29<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Rose Conway-Walsh, T.D.  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ39384/22 To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for approval of a home care application; the level of delayed discharges from each hospital in the Saolta Group while waiting on a home care package or community bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Conway-Walsh,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question/Public Representation which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the level of delayed discharges in our hospitals.

Site/Date	GUH 19/07/2022	MUH 18/07/2022	PUH 20/07/2022	SUH 20/07/2022	LUH 20/07/2022	RUH 13/07/2022
Average wait time for approval of a home care application	Approx. 7 Days	Currently no delays	1 week as applications discussed on weekly basis	Wait times vary between CHO1/CHW 1 day-1week	24-48 hours	1 week
Level of delayed discharges waiting on Home care package	0	4	1	2	2	0
Level of delayed discharges waiting on community bed	3	1	0	9	13	0

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ann Cosgrove,  
Chief Operations Officer,  
Saolta University Health Care Group