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PQ 41405/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that are awaiting homecare support in County Wicklow; the total number of hours allocated for each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022 in County Wicklow; the average number of hours granted to each successful applicant; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Brady,

The Minister for Health has requested we reply directly to your recent Parliamentary Question in relation to Home Support Services, Wicklow. On behalf of HSE Community Healthcare East (CHO6), Older Persons Services - which in addition to Dublin South East and Dublin South has a geographical remit for North Wicklow, Wicklow Town, Wicklow East and Wicklow South, I can confirm the following:

The current number of older persons that are awaiting Home Support Services (HSS):

- 82 HSS Applications are in hand to be processed (awaiting nursing assessments and final approvals)
- 179 HSS Applications are fully approved, which have been tendered, but awaiting a Home Support Provider to take up all or part of their care package.

The total number of HSS hours allocated in HSE Community Healthcare East (CHO6), Older Persons Services CHO6, Wicklow from 2019 to date:

- At 08th August, 2022 – 7,953.75 HSS hours allocated - average 6 hours per applicant
- 2021 - 6,492.25 HSS hours - average 6.4 hours per applicant.
- 2020 – 5,682 HSS hours - average 6.2 hours per applicant.
- 2019 - 3,877 HSS hours - average 5 hours per applicant.

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

Yours sincerely,

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