



15th July 2022

Deputy Patricia Ryan,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Ryan,

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: 33398/22

To ask the Minister for Health the details of waiting lists for a public nursing home bed in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

The availability of residential care in public nursing homes is an important component of the overall community health care provision.

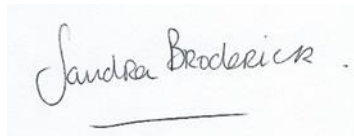
Please see attached **Appendix 1** detailing waiting lists by CHO area and County.

The waiting lists need to be reviewed under the following contexts:

- Service Users on the bed waiting list may not have as yet gone through the Nursing Home Support Scheme Process (NHSS) and some Service Users do request to be put on a waiting list for future planning. Therefore, it cannot be deemed as appropriate that their care needs are best met in residential care until such time as an application is made for the completion of a care needs assessment and that assessment is considered by a local placement forum under the Nursing Home Support Scheme Act 2009.
- During COVID-19 surges in outbreaks it has been necessary to close facilities to admissions on Public Health advice, this has negatively impacted on waiting lists.
- Service Users and their families may put themselves on multiple bed waiting lists across different care facilities.
- It is noted that where there are waiting lists for publically managed care facilities and that there is bed capacity, Service Users may decline a bed if it is situated in a multiple occupancy room.
- Once an applicant is deemed to require care through the NHSS they are not denied a service due to a lack of bed availability but may prefer to wait for a facility of their choice to become available.
- The HSE is undergoing a major capital building programme across its Community Nursing Facilities for the purpose of SI 293 compliance. This programme at times may result in temporary bed closures while refurbishment is taking place.

Despite these challenges, the HSE is continuing to provide a residential care service that is focused on quality and safety while also meeting the needs of the individual Service User.

Yours sincerely,

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Sandra Broderick
Assistant National Director
Community Operations
Services for Older People

Appendix 1: COMMUNITY BEDS WAITING LIST CHO 1-9 JULY 2022

<u>CHO1</u>			
Public Nursing Home Beds			
County Name (Please List)	Waiting List (Yes/No)	No. on Waiting List	Occupancy Rate
Monaghan	YES	140	98%
Cavan	YES	27	98%
Sligo	YES	18	98.4%
Leitrim	YES	51	98%
Donegal	YES	39	94%

<u>CHO2</u>			
Public Nursing Home Beds			
County Name (Please List)	Waiting List (Yes/No)	No. on Waiting List	Occupancy Rate
Galway	YES	107	94%
Mayo	YES	35	89%
Roscommon	YES	42	87.4%

<u>CHO3</u>			
Public Nursing Home Beds			
County Name (Please List)	Waiting List (Yes/No)	No. on Waiting List	Occupancy Rate
Limerick	YES	22	96%
North Tipperary	YES	33	95%
Clare	YES	32	93%

<u>CHO4</u>			
Public Nursing Home Beds			
County Name (Please List)	Waiting List (Yes/No)	No. on Waiting List	Occupancy Rate
Cork	YES	114	89%
Kerry	YES	114	96%

<u>CHO5</u>			
Public Nursing Home Beds			
County Name (Please List)	Waiting List (Yes/No)	No. on Waiting List	Occupancy Rate
Tipperary	YES	50	100%
Waterford	YES	61	100%
Waterford (county)	YES	41	89%
Carlow/Kilkenny	YES	1	99%
Wexford	YES	17	87%

<u>CHO6</u>			
Public Nursing Home Beds			
County Name (Please List)	Waiting List (Yes/No)	No. on Waiting List	Occupancy Rate
South Dublin	YES	20	97%
East Wicklow	YES	10	96%

<u>CHO7</u>			
Public Nursing Home Beds			
County Name (Please List)	Waiting List (Yes/No)	No. on Waiting List	Occupancy Rate
Kildare	Yes	3	90%
Wicklow	Yes	11	94%
Dublin South City	Yes	75	97.3%

<u>CHO8</u>			
Public Nursing Home Beds			
County Name (Please List)	Waiting List (Yes/No)	No. on Waiting List	Occupancy Rate
Louth	YES	51	92%
Laois	YES	41	97%
Offaly	YES	85	92%
Westmeath	YES	6	91%
Longford	YES	14	78%
Meath	YES	82	96%

CHO9

Public Nursing Home Beds

County Name (Please List)	Waiting List (Yes/No)	No. on Waiting List	Occupancy Rate
Dublin North	No	N/A	77%