



18<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Deputy Róisín Shortall ,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Shortall,

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 55107 22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for intensive homecare packages, by LHO, CHO and month in tabular form; and the number of persons experiencing delayed discharge from hospital due to a delay accessing intensive homecare.**

An Intensive Home Care Package relates to those Home Support clients with higher levels of assessed care needs or complexity, in receipt of a considerably higher value of supports in the Community to facilitate:-

- (a) return home from hospital or residential care and/or
- (b) prevent attendance/admission to A&E/Acute Hospital and/or
- (c) prevent or delay admission to long term residential care.
- (d) to support people with dementia

The HSE does not hold a waiting list for Intensive Home Care Packages. The fund for Intensive Home Care Packages is managed centrally by the National Office, Services for Older People. The application process and the Care Needs Assessment are undertaken by staff in the relevant local area and the completed application is forwarded to a National Specialist, Services for Older People. If the application for the Intensive Home Care Package is unsuccessful the case is referred back to the area for local service delivery arrangements as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

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