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Deputy Peadar Tóibín,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

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 58988/22

To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons in the country currently in receipt of home help excluding family carers.

The Home Support Service is funded by Government to deliver a volume of service each year as approved in the HSE National Service Plan. The target identified for 2022 is 23.67m hours to be delivered to 55,675 people by year end. The Service is a non-statutory one, with access based on an and having regard to the available resources and the competing demands for the service from those people with assessed needs.

Despite the significant level of service provision, the demand for Home Support, and its importance as an alternative service to long stay care, it 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.

The latest available data reflects the year to date activity up to the 31st of October, 2022. As of this date 17,562,809 Home Support hours were delivered nationally to 56,210 people.

Yours sincerely,

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