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Ms. Verona Murphy, T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Dublin 2.

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To ask the Minister for Health the number of new persons approved for HSE homecare support hours who are currently awaiting delivery of support hours in County Wexford; the number of current clients approved for additional homecare support hours awaiting allocation of those additional hours in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

The Home Support Office confirms that in County Wexford, during the month of December 2022 62 new persons were approved for HSE Homecare Support Hours and their names placed on the waiting list. A further 51 clients' names, currently in receipt of a Home Support service approved for additional homecare support hours, also placed on the waiting list for these additional hours.

The Home Support Department continues to operate within the constraints of available staffing resources. Rolling recruitment campaigns are ongoing to fill vacant posts. Additional Home Support staffing once in place can be allocated to clients on the waiting list.

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Helen McDaid Head of Service Older Persons South East Community Healthcare