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

PQ 1296/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved HSE homecare hours provided per month in County Wexford; the number of HSE homecare hours at present being delivered in County Wexford; the number of clients per months in receipt of homecare hours in County Wexford; the numbers of approved HSE homecare support hours waiting allocation 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 based on most recent data available.

Table 1: Home Support Wexford

Month/2022	No. approved HSE homecare hours provided in County Wexford	No. clients per month in receipt of homecare hours in County Wexford;
January	57,693	1,591
February	51,202	1,614
March	50,647	1,616
April	61,906	1,646
May	54,389	1,689
June	54,515	1,857
July	54,967	1,880
August	53,723	1,865
September	59,883	1,860
October	58,195	1,697
November	54,637	1,695
December	55,379	1,689

The Home Support Office confirm that in County Wexford, during the month of December 2022 there were 62 new persons approved for HSE Homecare Support Hours and placed on the waiting list. There were a further 51 clients, 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 Service continues to operate within the constraints of available staffing resources. South East Community Healthcare is acutely aware that there are capacity issues across both direct and indirect provision of Home Support. We continue to advertise on an on-going basis for and to recruit as many suitable candidates as possible. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Helen McDaid', written in a cursive style.

Helen McDaid
Head of Service Older Persons
South East Community Healthcare