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Leinster House
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Ref: PQ/23/63723 – Shortage of Home Care Provision by the HSE in County Kildare

PQ:

“To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the shortage of home care provision by the HSE in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter?”

“Patricia Ryan”

Response:

Dear Deputy Ryan,

I wish to acknowledge your PQ in which the HSE is requested to respond directly to you by the Minister.

The HSE is faced with increasing demand for Home Support and a significant increase in the complexity of presentations with service users requiring the assistance of two Health Care Support Assistants and multiple visits per day.

There are 166 Health Care Support Assistants directly employed by the HSE providing care to 1,000 vulnerable adults across the Kildare and Wicklow region.

During 2022, the HSE held four recruitment campaigns for Health Care Support Assistants. A further campaign was launched on 17th January 2023 and was advertised in the three main newspapers, on KFM and iRadio. The HSE also made contact with local colleges, GP surgeries, Health Centres and local libraries and posters were placed in these locations.

The HSE will continue to run campaigns throughout 2023 to increase the number of Health Care support Assistants to meet the gap in the demand for Home Support and continue to support older people in their own home.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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