

Ms Pauline Tully T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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18th July 2023

Re: PQ ref 35193/23 - Home Support Current Waitlist and 2022 Hours Allocated

Details

To ask the Minister for Health the number of people that are waiting homecare support in counties Cavan and County Monaghan; the total number of hours allocated in each of the past 12 months in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the average number of hours granted to each successful applicant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Pauline Tully

Dear Deputy Tully,

I refer to your recent correspondence received in my office regarding the number of people that are waiting homecare support in counties Cavan and Monaghan, the total number of hours allocated in each of the past 12 months in counties Cavan and Monaghan and the average number of hours granted to each successful applicant. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The details requested are detailed in the tables below;

Home Support Waiting List as of 17th July 2023

Home Support Service Wait-Listed	Number of Service Users Cavan	Number of Services Users Monaghan	Total Number of Service Users awaiting Home Support
New Service	32	16	48
Additional Service	144	122	266
Total	176	138	314



Home Support Hours Allocated 2022

Home Support Allocated	Number of Hours Allocated Cavan	Number of Hours Allocated Monaghan	Total Number of Hours Allocated
New Service Users	1194	773.75	1967.75
Average hours	6.14	6.9	

Unfortunately, it has not been possible to deliver the approved Home Support Service to those wait-listed, this is due to a shortage of Home Care Support Assistants (HCSAs). External providers are unable to assist with the provision of this service due to their own current HCSA staff shortages.

I can also advise that a HCSA recruitment campaign is, currently, being undertaken and the Home Support Resource Manager's remain in regular contact with Home Support client's awaiting service, keeping them updated on all issues, and will advise them immediately if there is any change in the current situation.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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