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Deputy Roisin Shorthall,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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Dear Deputy Shorthall,

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 Number: 36498/23

To ask the Minister for Health when the report on the home support pilot study undertaken in four CHO areas will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

The Centre for Effective Services (CES) were awarded the contract to complete an independent evaluation of the pilot in 2022 and the final report subsequently submitted to the HSE in May 2023.

The process of evaluation encompassed both qualitative and quantitative research methodologies including focus groups with key informants namely HSE pilot site staff, HSCAs, carers and clients. The findings from the evaluation have been shared with the Department of Health and will be utilised in respect of work ongoing in preparation for the incoming Home Support Statutory Scheme.

Kind Regards,

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