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Deputy John Brady
Leinster House
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To ask the Minister for Health the number of people awaiting homecare support in Wicklow; the total number of hours allocated in Wicklow in 2022 and to date in 2023; the average number of hours granted to each successful applicant.

Dear Deputy Brady,

Thank you for your recent parliamentary question to the minister for health in relation to the number of people awaiting homecare support in Wicklow; the total number of hours allocated in Wicklow in 2022 and to date in 2023. I have consulted with the Home Support Office who have advised the following:

1. Number of older persons waiting Home Support in Wicklow = 63 older persons waiting with no service, 71 older persons waiting additional hours
2. Total hours allocated for older persons in Wicklow in 2022 = 5940.75
3. Total hour allocated for older persons in Wicklow to date in 2023 = 3240.5
4. Average number of hours approved for older persons in Wicklow in 2022 = 7
5. Average number of hours approved for older persons in Wicklow in 2023 to date = 7.5

In terms of those waiting, priority is given to those in the community with acute needs and to those assessed and waiting in acute hospitals, who are in a position to return home with supports. Funding approval for Homecare Packages for those assessed as requiring same is expedited across the system to ensure minimum waiting times.

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

Yours sincerely,

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