



02 August 2023

Deputy John Brady,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Brady,

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 36721/23

To ask the Minister for Health to confirm the number of people who have been granted home care support in 2022 and to date in 2023 who are still awaiting their care packages to be fulfilled by a carer/home support agency, broken down by county and waiting timeframe, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

The Home Support Service is funded by Government to deliver a volume of service each year as approved in the HSE National Service Plan. It is a non-statutory service and access to the current service is based on assessment of the person's needs by the HSE, having regard to the available resources and the competing demands for the service. The volume and type of service provided to each client is based on individually assessed care needs and will vary dependent on the needs identified and the resources available to meet those needs.

Demand for home support continues to increase due to population growth and the increasing dependency of the growing numbers of people aged ≥ 80 years, within the over 65 years' cohort. In the context of increasing demand, priority is given to those being discharged from acute hospitals who are in a position to return home with supports and to those in the community with acute needs. Funding approval is expedited across the system to ensure minimum waiting times. While there may be delays between the approval of funding and the availability of carers to commence delivery of home support hours in certain regions, significant work is underway to address these challenges. The HSE advertises on an ongoing basis for Health Care Support Assistants (HCSAs) and recruits as many suitable candidates where possible.

20,792,772 Home Support hours were delivered over the course of 2022 with 20,056 new clients receiving a service over the same time period. 31st of June, 2023 year to date activity shows that 10,548,049 Home Support hours were delivered with 11,763 new clients commencing a Home Support Service in the timeline.

Available waiting list data reflects those that have been assessed and waiting for the provision of Home support. Activity data relating to the length of time waiting is not held nationally and therefore we are not in a position to provide this information.

We can provide activity by:

- Number of Clients assessed and waiting for carers.

Appendix 1 for a breakdown of the Number of Home Support Clients assessed and waiting for carer at National/ LHO/CHO level at the point in time date of the 31st of December, 2022.

Appendix 2 for a breakdown of the Number of Clients Home Support assessed and waiting for carer at National/ LHO/CHO level at the point in time date of the 30th of June, 2023.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Jordan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kathleen Jordan
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Community Operations

Appendix 1 provides a breakdown of the Number of Home Support Clients assessed and waiting for carer at National/ LHO/CHO level January – December 2022.

		WAITING LIST 2022		
		Carers		
CHO	LHO	Total	New	Additional
National Total		6,673	3,795	2,878
CHO 1	Total	735	289	446
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	390	78	312
CHO 1	Donegal	249	169	80
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	96	42	54
CHO 2	Total	586	237	349
CHO 2	Galway	197	81	116
CHO 2	Mayo	274	146	128
CHO 2	Roscommon	115	10	105
CHO 3	Total	568	321	247
CHO 3	Clare	273	166	107
CHO 3	Limerick	191	115	76
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	104	40	64
CHO 4	Total	1,501	894	607
CHO 4	Kerry	404	239	165
CHO 4	North Cork	109	70	39
CHO 4	North Lee	171	102	69
CHO 4	South Lee	687	419	268
CHO 4	West Cork	130	64	66
CHO 5	Total	1,043	370	673
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	118	36	82
CHO 5	South Tipperary	149	44	105
CHO 5	Waterford	230	73	157
CHO 5	Wexford	546	217	329
CHO 6	Total	445	190	255
CHO 6	Dublin South East	126	50	76
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	176	72	104
CHO 6	Wicklow	143	68	75
CHO 7	Total	913	860	53
CHO 7	Dublin South City	137	112	25
CHO 7	Dublin South West	289	289	-
CHO 7	Dublin West	289	261	28
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	198	198	-
CHO 8	Total	755	555	200
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	328	328	-
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	62	41	21
CHO 8	Louth	181	76	105
CHO 8	Meath	184	110	74
CHO 9	Total	127	79	48
CHO 9	Dublin North	105	67	38
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	5	5	-
CHO 9	Dublin North West	17	7	10

Appendix 2 provides a breakdown of Number of Clients Home Support assessed and waiting for carer at National/ LHO/CHO level January – June YTD 2023.

		WAITING LIST - JUNE 2023		
		Carers		
CHO	LHO	New	Additional	Total
National Total		3,075	2,945	6,020
CHO 1	Total	260	390	650
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	64	284	348
CHO 1	Donegal	144	75	219
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	52	31	83
CHO 2	Total	224	435	659
CHO 2	Galway	77	180	257
CHO 2	Mayo	140	137	277
CHO 2	Roscommon	7	118	125
CHO 3	Total	238	312	550
CHO 3	Clare	102	150	252
CHO 3	Limerick	82	100	182
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	54	62	116
CHO 4	Total	1,010	581	1,591
CHO 4	Kerry	162	111	273
CHO 4	North Cork	78	43	121
CHO 4	North Lee	81	51	132
CHO 4	South Lee	607	302	909
CHO 4	West Cork	82	74	156
CHO 5	Total	241	716	957
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	15	85	100
CHO 5	South Tipperary	38	86	124
CHO 5	Waterford	50	166	216
CHO 5	Wexford	138	379	517
CHO 6	Total	89	173	262
CHO 6	Dublin South East	23	56	79
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	3	33	36
CHO 6	Wicklow	63	84	147
CHO 7	Total	483	48	531
CHO 7	Dublin South City	61	24	85
CHO 7	Dublin South West	75	-	75
CHO 7	Dublin West	239	24	263
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	108	-	108
CHO 8	Total	481	257	738
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	314	-	314
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	51	38	89
CHO 8	Louth	50	132	182
CHO 8	Meath	66	87	153
CHO 9	Total	49	33	82
CHO 9	Dublin North	42	25	67
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	3	1	4
CHO 9	Dublin North West	4	7	11