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RE: PQ 27615/23

*To ask the Minister for Health the total number of home support hours provided; the total number of home support workers covering an area (Pallasgreen area); if there are issues with recruitment of staff or funding in the area, and if he will make a statement on the matter*

Dear Deputy Collins

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above PQ which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position at the end of May, 2023.

Area	Number of Health Care Support Assistants covering Pallasgreen area	Number of Home Support Hours <u>Provided</u> per week
Pallasgreen area	6	166

There are 6 Health Care Support Assistants covering the Pallasgreen area, however, these Health Care Support Assistants also provide care to clients in other areas adjoining Pallasgreen. The home support hours documented above relate to the Pallasgreen area only.

The HSE is running recruitment campaigns across the Mid-West throughout 2023 to recruit additional Health Care Support Assistants in order to reduce the number of clients on waiting lists for home support services. However, there are challenges in recruiting Health Care Support Assistants in some areas.

Home support services in CHO3 are provided through a combination of direct and indirect provision and we work closely with private providers to ensure services are delivered to those clients who require same.

I can confirm there is no issue in relation to funding of home support services at this time.

I trust this information is of assistance to you and should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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