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Mr. Matt Shanahan, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2.

PQ 15036/23

To ask the Minister for Health if a person with dementia, who is in receipt of maximum 22.5 hrs home help per week, could avail of the dementia home support scheme, and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Shanahan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which were submitted to the Minister for Health for response

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

A Home Support service is allocated based on an individual's care needs and meets the personal care needs of that individual. Individuals with a diagnosis of dementia receive personal care services similar to clients who have a different clinical diagnosis. There is no Dementia Specific Home Support service. The 2003 Home Support service information booklet is included for your information.

The HSE provides Dementia support Day Care services either directly or indirectly through agencies funded by the HSE. To access Dementia Support service within an individual's location, they should in the first instance liaise with their local PHN.

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me

Yours sincerely,

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