



26 May 2023

Deputy Noel Grealish,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Grealish,

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 24216/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of people on waiting lists for home support carers and funding in each month of 2022 and to date in 2023 for each LHO and CHO, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 24217/23

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of people on waiting lists for home support carers, by length of time waiting, by LHO and CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 24219/23

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of people on waiting lists for home support funding, by length of time waiting, by LHO and CHO; 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 ≥80years, 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.

The Strategic Workforce Advisory Group on Home Carers & Nursing Home Healthcare Assistants have set out a number of recommendations in their October 2022 published report through which the current workforce crisis in Healthcare Assistants (and home support staff) could be addressed at a cross governmental level. Further discussions are to be held with DoH on the phased implementation of the recommendations assigned to the HSE for delivery and the associated funding implications.

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 the provision of Home Support

Appendix 1 for a breakdown of the Home Support Waiting List at National/ LHO/CHO level January – December 2022.

Appendix 2 for a breakdown of the Home Support Waiting List at National/LHO/CHO level January – March 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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		HOME SUPPORT WAITING LIST - CARERS NEW & ADDITIONAL												
		Waiting List YTD - Carers	YTD Expenditure as Reported by Finance											
CHO	LHO		Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22
National Total		6,084	4,933	4,677	5,251	5,139	5,020	5,460	5,599	6,084	6,255	6,103	6,063	6,673
CHO 1	Total	611	496	473	501	528	489	526	502	611	615	616	656	735
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	345	233	234	276	287	265	283	296	345	354	335	357	390
CHO 1	Donegal	206	214	178	176	175	170	168	153	206	193	205	209	249
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	60	49	61	49	66	54	75	53	60	68	76	90	96
CHO 2	Total	616	677	492	633	674	588	566	589	616	596	585	582	586
CHO 2	Galway	216	278	51	197	223	209	204	208	216	199	195	170	197
CHO 2	Mayo	261	273	307	306	276	267	227	242	261	277	287	301	274
CHO 2	Roscommon	139	126	134	130	175	112	135	139	139	120	103	111	115
CHO 3	Total	640	524	557	552	608	572	607	611	640	548	558	544	568
CHO 3	Clare	318	265	249	248	259	240	255	284	318	286	292	258	273
CHO 3	Limerick	193	145	172	188	202	200	189	158	193	178	175	201	191
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Lim	129	114	136	116	147	132	163	169	129	84	91	85	104
CHO 4	Total	1,256	842	821	907	887	944	977	1,070	1,256	1,256	1,358	1,328	1,501
CHO 4	Kerry	318	220	218	239	249	289	289	252	318	335	362	310	404
CHO 4	North Cork	127	108	89	113	113	102	99	123	127	118	109	104	109
CHO 4	North Lee	207	140	136	139	109	101	104	133	207	118	114	163	171
CHO 4	South Lee	513	249	275	319	323	365	395	460	513	598	649	627	687
CHO 4	West Cork	91	125	103	97	93	87	90	102	91	87	124	124	130
CHO 5	Total	880	895	923	1,078	878	818	952	816	880	1,122	961	966	1,043
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	143	109	146	136	138	120	113	119	143	122	115	127	118
CHO 5	South Tipperary	151	201	202	212	198	197	164	150	151	142	104	109	149
CHO 5	Waterford	199	149	132	134	184	196	188	171	199	172	181	197	230
CHO 5	Wexford	387	436	443	596	358	305	487	376	387	686	561	533	546
CHO 6	Total	347	251	285	329	223	214	320	271	347	334	352	350	445
CHO 6	Dublin South East	67	120	134	70	-	13	42	37	67	103	69	80	126
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	123	95	99	91	73	65	119	133	123	79	129	109	176
CHO 6	Wicklow	157	36	52	168	150	136	159	101	157	152	154	161	143
CHO 7	Total	753	720	567	531	595	586	675	798	753	833	843	805	913
CHO 7	Dublin South City	169	151	108	110	145	151	159	171	169	177	154	122	137
CHO 7	Dublin South West	191	250	180	163	159	174	200	238	191	218	229	236	289
CHO 7	Dublin West	209	179	173	176	188	180	186	209	209	231	234	253	289
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	184	140	106	82	103	81	130	180	184	207	226	194	198
CHO 8	Total	830	381	400	570	587	645	681	735	830	796	723	741	755
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	316	-	-	151	170	207	207	224	316	342	288	316	328
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	55	92	72	72	81	81	63	72	55	61	48	56	62
CHO 8	Louth	203	123	132	144	159	166	180	177	203	218	193	211	181
CHO 8	Meath	256	166	196	203	177	191	231	262	256	175	194	158	184
CHO 9	Total	151	147	159	150	159	164	156	207	151	155	107	91	127
CHO 9	Dublin North	91	50	49	50	62	71	68	106	91	101	84	73	105
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	11	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	11	5	6	5	5
CHO 9	Dublin North West	49	97	110	100	97	93	85	95	49	49	17	13	17

Appendix 2 - Breakdown of the Home Support Waiting List January – March 2023.

CHO	LHO	Waiting List YTD - Funding	HOME SUPPORT WAITING LIST - FUNDING NEW & ADDITIONAL		
			Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23
National Total		7	7	10	7
CHO 1	Total	-	-	-	-
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	-	-	-	-
CHO 1	Donegal	-	-	-	-
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	-	-	-	-
CHO 2	Total	-	-	-	-
CHO 2	Galway	-	-	-	-
CHO 2	Mayo	-	-	-	-
CHO 2	Roscommon	-	-	-	-
CHO 3	Total	-	-	-	-
CHO 3	Clare	-	-	-	-
CHO 3	Limerick	-	-	-	-
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Lim	-	-	-	-
CHO 4	Total	-	-	-	-
CHO 4	Kerry	-	-	-	-
CHO 4	North Cork	-	-	-	-
CHO 4	North Lee	-	-	-	-
CHO 4	South Lee	-	-	-	-
CHO 4	West Cork	-	-	-	-
CHO 5	Total	-	-	-	-
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	-	-	-	-
CHO 5	South Tipperary	-	-	-	-
CHO 5	Waterford	-	-	-	-
CHO 5	Wexford	-	-	-	-
CHO 6	Total	-	-	-	-
CHO 6	Dublin South East	-	-	-	-
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	-	-	-	-
CHO 6	Wicklow	-	-	-	-
CHO 7	Total	-	-	-	-
CHO 7	Dublin South City	-	-	-	-
CHO 7	Dublin South West	-	-	-	-
CHO 7	Dublin West	-	-	-	-
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	-	-	-	-
CHO 8	Total	-	-	3	-
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	-	-	-	-
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	-	-	-	-
CHO 8	Louth	-	-	-	-
CHO 8	Meath	-	-	3	-
CHO 9	Total	7	7	7	7
CHO 9	Dublin North	7	7	7	7
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	-	-	-	-
CHO 9	Dublin North West	-	-	-	-

		HOME SUPPORT WAITING LIST - CARERS NEW & ADDITIONAL			
CHO	LHO	Waiting List YTD - Carers	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23
National Total		6,432	6,362	6,234	6,432
CHO 1	Total	673	728	744	673
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	338	373	399	338
CHO 1	Donegal	256	260	253	256
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	79	95	92	79
CHO 2	Total	599	531	561	599
CHO 2	Galway	148	153	149	148
CHO 2	Mayo	340	264	306	340
CHO 2	Roscommon	111	114	106	111
CHO 3	Total	677	652	633	677
CHO 3	Clare	367	383	350	367
CHO 3	Limerick	195	173	190	195
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Lim	115	96	93	115
CHO 4	Total	1,575	1,499	1,565	1,575
CHO 4	Kerry	359	374	349	359
CHO 4	North Cork	110	97	95	110
CHO 4	North Lee	202	162	194	202
CHO 4	South Lee	760	718	780	760
CHO 4	West Cork	144	148	147	144
CHO 5	Total	988	983	964	988
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	126	96	125	126
CHO 5	South Tipperary	133	127	105	133
CHO 5	Waterford	231	189	200	231
CHO 5	Wexford	498	571	534	498
CHO 6	Total	401	416	328	401
CHO 6	Dublin South East	107	101	102	107
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	174	205	105	174
CHO 6	Wicklow	120	110	121	120
CHO 7	Total	628	732	683	628
CHO 7	Dublin South City	67	105	88	67
CHO 7	Dublin South West	193	237	216	193
CHO 7	Dublin West	238	239	240	238
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	130	151	139	130
CHO 8	Total	787	725	653	787
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	394	317	256	394
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	47	56	37	47
CHO 8	Louth	170	192	186	170
CHO 8	Meath	176	160	174	176
CHO 9	Total	104	96	103	104
CHO 9	Dublin North	77	74	87	77
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	4	-	3	4
CHO 9	Dublin North West	23	22	13	23