



17th May, 2023

Noel Grealish, TD
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PQ 24220/23

Dear Deputy Grealish

The Minister for Health has requested the HSE National Community Operations for Older People to respond directly to your Parliamentary Question;

To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who are currently experiencing a delay in discharge from hospital due to lack of, or delay in providing, home care or nursing home care; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

As of midnight 16 May 2023 there was a total of 84 people on the national delayed transfers of care list whose discharge destination is Home.

As of midnight 16 May 2023 there was a total of 240 people on the national delayed transfers of care list whose discharge destination is Residential Care.

This list is continuously fluctuating with people transferring and being removed from the list daily, while new people are added. There are a variety of reasons why one would be added to the list which is not always attributed to a delay in providing home care or nursing home care. These categories of delays include, but are not limited to application process, funding approval, and identification of appropriate homes.

Acute and community colleagues continue to engage on a regular basis daily basis to ensure all is being done to progress delayed discharges from the acute sector.

Yours sincerely,

Aisling Curley
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