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Jim O' Callaghan,  
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Dear Deputy O' Callaghan,

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 24560/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of homecare support hours for older people provided in each LHO area in 2020, 2021 and 2022; the allocation in each LHO for 2023; 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 and having regard to the available resources and the competing demands for the services.

Despite the significant level of service provision, the demand for Home Support, and its importance as an alternative service to long stay care, has grown considerably over the past number of years. Similarly, the type of Home Support that is now required to meet the needs of the population is a more person-centred personal care model. Home Support services are provided by both directly employed Healthcare Support Assistants (HCSAs) and by Approved Providers with formal tendered arrangements with the HSE, arrangements which encompass both commercial and voluntary providers.

In terms of the requested information, Appendix 1 details the breakdown of Home Support hours delivered by National/CHO/LHO level for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Appendix 2 details the breakdown of Home Support target hours at National/CHO level for 2023.

Yours sincerely,

**Kathleen Jordan**  
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Appendix 1 details the breakdown of Home Support hours delivered by National/CHO/LHO for 2020, 2021 and 2022.

CHO	LHO	HOURS DELIVERED			
		2023 May YTD	2022	2021	2020
<b>National Total</b>		<b>9,881,275</b>	<b>20,792,772</b>	<b>20,462,993</b>	<b>17,554,880</b>
<b>CHO 1</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,085,959</b>	<b>2,286,603</b>	<b>2,007,795</b>	<b>1,682,041</b>
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	257,276	536,596	504,132	429,716
CHO 1	Donegal	528,344	1,122,595	918,666	784,040
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	300,339	627,412	584,997	468,285
<b>CHO 2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,088,028</b>	<b>2,284,610</b>	<b>2,331,668</b>	<b>2,039,074</b>
CHO 2	Galway	568,120	1,190,535	1,215,901	1,055,775
CHO 2	Mayo	314,650	662,072	685,634	622,856
CHO 2	Roscommon	205,258	432,003	430,133	360,443
<b>CHO 3</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>891,520</b>	<b>1,879,520</b>	<b>1,714,393</b>	<b>1,412,975</b>
CHO 3	Clare	300,817	632,631	587,094	481,441
CHO 3	Limerick	343,468	726,038	625,951	510,181
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	247,235	520,851	501,347	421,354
<b>CHO 4</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,359,081</b>	<b>2,774,503</b>	<b>2,827,151</b>	<b>2,722,268</b>
CHO 4	Kerry	318,980	702,171	717,094	673,760
CHO 4	North Cork	232,374	422,783	432,852	419,939
CHO 4	North Lee	306,732	557,509	572,520	571,490
CHO 4	South Lee	348,965	760,633	763,630	726,449
CHO 4	West Cork	152,030	331,407	341,055	330,629
<b>CHO 5</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>972,191</b>	<b>2,061,505</b>	<b>1,908,419</b>	<b>1,839,284</b>
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	269,018	570,567	502,607	463,739
CHO 5	South Tipperary	190,592	400,917	330,677	357,086
CHO 5	Waterford	197,669	422,714	430,096	356,390
CHO 5	Wexford	314,912	667,307	645,040	662,068
<b>CHO 6</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>761,206</b>	<b>1,625,088</b>	<b>1,915,971</b>	<b>1,413,823</b>
CHO 6	Dublin South East	241,556	508,687	596,274	377,879
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	304,552	656,633	805,839	564,222
CHO 6	Wicklow	215,098	459,768	513,858	471,722
<b>CHO 7</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,042,519</b>	<b>2,237,291</b>	<b>2,310,477</b>	<b>2,013,320</b>
CHO 7	Dublin South City	222,598	477,720	478,346	419,914
CHO 7	Dublin South West	284,382	610,006	644,950	546,201
CHO 7	Dublin West	220,514	472,693	504,332	443,259
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	315,025	676,871	682,850	603,945
<b>CHO 8</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,158,360</b>	<b>2,376,217</b>	<b>2,115,276</b>	<b>1,695,169</b>
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	304,646	623,825	560,357	392,036
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	295,535	602,395	559,830	430,957
CHO 8	Louth	257,480	528,728	414,250	369,963
CHO 8	Meath	300,699	621,270	580,839	502,213
<b>CHO 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,522,411</b>	<b>3,267,436</b>	<b>3,331,843</b>	<b>2,736,926</b>
CHO 9	Dublin North	624,078	1,334,467	1,318,969	1,123,749
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	454,310	974,042	1,021,566	845,987
CHO 9	Dublin North West	444,023	958,928	991,308	767,190

Appendix 2 details the breakdown of Home Support target hours at National/CHO for 2023.

<b>CHO</b>	<b>Target/EA Full Year 2023</b>
National	23,900,000
CHO 1	2,625,000
CHO 2	2,630,000
CHO 3	2,155,000
CHO 4	3,300,000
CHO 5	2,350,000
CHO 6	1,840,000
CHO 7	2,520,000
CHO 8	2,800,000
CHO 9	3,680,000