



16 June 2023

Claire Kerrane,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

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 24723**

**To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide figures on HSE spending on private companies providing home care services in 2022 and to date in 2023, in tabular form by year; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

The Home Support Service is funded 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 an 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.

Home Support services for Older People are provided either by directly employed staff or by voluntary and private providers who have formal tender arrangements with the HSE to deliver the services.

The information requested relating to expenditure on external (private and voluntary) home support providers, funded through Older Persons Services, in the years specified, is appended to this correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

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**Services for Older People**  
**Community Operations**

**Appendix 1 – Home Support Expenditure – Private Homecare Providers**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Hours - per MDR</b>	<b>Spend per CFI:</b>
2022	INDIRECT - NON HSE PROVIDERS	12,713,757	368,145,918
April 2023 YTD	INDIRECT - NON HSE PROVIDERS	4,339,341	128,238,636