



07 June 2023

Michael Moynihan,
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Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Moynihan,

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 24938/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours currently being provided in each LHO area as of 1 May 2023 or the latest date available; how that compares to target in each LHO for the same time period; and if he would detail in tabular form the number of people currently on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; the number waiting 0-3 months; the number waiting 3-6 months; the number waiting 6-12 months; and the number waiting 12 months plus.

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.

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 most up to date 2023 activity reflects the year to date period of 30th of April, 2023. Available waiting list data reflects those that have been assessed and waiting for the provision of Home support as at the 30th of April, 2023. Activity data relating to the length of time waiting is not collated nationally.



Appendix 1 details the breakdown of Home Support hour's activity versus target at National/CHO/LHO level for the April 2023 year to date (YTD) period (preliminary data)

Appendix 2 details the breakdown of Home Support Waiting lists at National/CHO/LHO level at the point in time position as at 30th April 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1: H

Home Support hour's activity versus target at National/CHO/LHO level for the April 2023 year to date (YTD) period (preliminary data)

Metric	CHO	LHO	Target/EA Full Year	Target/EA YTD	Activity YTD	% Var YTD V Tgt/EA YTD
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	National Total		23,900,000	7,787,989	6,959,355	-10.6%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 1		2,625,000	863,014	786,574	-8.9%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	621,894	204,458	191,629	-6.3%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 1	Donegal	1,277,122	419,876	377,156	-10.2%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	725,984	238,680	217,789	-8.8%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 2		2,630,000	864,658	710,414	-17.8%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 2	Galway	1,373,269	451,486	368,934	-18.3%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 2	Mayo	760,576	250,053	207,436	-17.0%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 2	Roscommon	496,155	163,119	134,045	-17.8%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 3		2,155,000	708,493	610,449	-13.8%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 3	Clare	727,141	239,060	204,658	-14.4%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 3	Limerick	830,239	272,955	236,911	-13.2%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 3	North Tipperary Eas	597,620	196,478	168,879	-14.0%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 4		3,300,000	1,015,384	861,977	-15.1%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 4	Kerry	829,353	255,184	232,840	-8.8%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 4	North Cork	503,477	154,916	126,734	-18.2%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 4	North Lee	664,584	204,488	172,852	-15.5%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 4	South Lee	907,306	279,172	231,018	-17.2%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 4	West Cork	395,280	121,624	98,533	-19.0%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 5		2,350,000	772,602	680,320	-11.9%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	650,277	213,789	184,253	-13.8%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 5	South Tipperary	460,704	151,464	124,883	-17.5%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 5	Waterford	477,806	157,088	155,515	-1.0%



Metric	CHO	LHO	Target/EA Full Year	Target/EA YTD	Activity YTD	% Var YTD V Tgt/EA YTD
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 5	Wexford	761,213	250,261	215,669	-13.8%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 6		1,840,000	604,932	611,298	1.1%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 6	Dublin South East	583,892	191,965	202,314	5.4%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	736,169	242,028	245,498	1.4%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 6	Wicklow	519,939	170,939	163,487	-4.4%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 7		2,520,000	828,492	761,673	-8.1%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 7	Dublin South City	538,068	176,899	162,312	-8.2%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 7	Dublin South West	687,414	225,999	206,160	-8.8%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 7	Dublin West	533,032	175,243	162,646	-7.2%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	761,486	250,351	230,555	-7.9%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 8		2,800,000	920,551	820,708	-10.8%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 8	Laois Offaly	736,394	242,103	216,549	-10.6%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	714,370	234,862	197,009	-16.1%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 8	Louth	622,384	204,620	181,171	-11.5%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 8	Meath	726,852	238,966	225,979	-5.4%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 9		3,680,000	1,209,863	1,115,943	-7.8%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 9	Dublin North	1,508,530	495,956	466,740	-5.9%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 9	Dublin North Centra	1,098,168	361,041	308,389	-14.6%
No. of home support hours provided (excluding provision of hours from Intensive Home Care Packages (IHCPs))	CHO 9	Dublin North West	1,073,302	352,866	340,814	-3.4%



Appendix 2

Home Support Waiting lists at National/CHO/LHO at the point in time position as at 30th April 2023.

CHO	LHO	Funding	Carers
		Total	Total
National Total		1	6,194
CHO 1	Total	-	661
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	-	344
CHO 1	Donegal	-	263
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	-	54
CHO 2	Total	-	581
CHO 2	Galway	-	130
CHO 2	Mayo	-	342
CHO 2	Roscommon	-	109
CHO 3	Total	-	618
CHO 3	Clare	-	292
CHO 3	Limerick	-	211
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	-	115
CHO 4	Total	-	1,591
CHO 4	Kerry	-	381
CHO 4	North Cork	-	111
CHO 4	North Lee	-	198
CHO 4	South Lee	-	752
CHO 4	West Cork	-	149
CHO 5	Total	-	1,003
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	-	128
CHO 5	South Tipperary	-	118
CHO 5	Waterford	-	240
CHO 5	Wexford	-	517
CHO 6	Total	-	339
CHO 6	Dublin South East	-	59
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	-	167
CHO 6	Wicklow	-	113
CHO 7	Total	1	538
CHO 7	Dublin South City	1	62
CHO 7	Dublin South West	-	132
CHO 7	Dublin West	-	229
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	-	115
CHO 8	Total	-	768
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	-	377
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	-	48
CHO 8	Louth	-	169
CHO 8	Meath	-	174
CHO 9	Total	-	95
CHO 9	Dublin North	-	68
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	-	2
CHO 9	Dublin North West	-	25



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