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Roisin Shortall,  
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Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
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Dear Deputy Shortall,

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 25831/23**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for homecare packages; the number of persons experiencing delayed discharge from hospital due to a delay in accessing homecare; and the waiting lists for homecare packages, by CHO and LHO, in tabular form.**

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 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.

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. Waiting lists for Home Support have become a feature of the service, now primarily associated with an increasing capacity issue related to the availability of care staff. In terms of those waiting, priority is given to those in the community with acute needs and to those assessed and waiting in acute hospitals, who are in a position to return home with supports. Funding approval for Home Support for those assessed as requiring same is expedited across the system to ensure minimum waiting times.

Available waiting list data reflects those that have been assessed and waiting for the provision of Home support. Please see Appendix 1 below for a breakdown of the Home Support Waiting List as at end of April 2023 by CHO and LHO.

In terms of Delayed Transfer of Care Report (DTCR) activity as at the 25th April shows that of the 575 people delayed in the acute system at that date, 81 were categorised as Type A, Destination Home, Of these, 9 had submitted their application for their Home Support Package (HSP) but were waiting for funding with 49 others having funding approved but were waiting on carer availability.

Yours sincerely,

**Kathleen Jordan**  
Head of Service – Home Support  
Services for Older People  
Community Operations

## Appendix 1: Home Support Waiting List April 2023 by CHO / LHO.

		WAITING LIST - APRIL 2023					
		Funding			Carers		
CHO	LHO	New	Addition	Total	New	Addition	Total
<b>National Total</b>		-	1	1	3,310	2,884	6,194
<b>CHO 1</b>	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	274	387	661
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	-	-	-	55	289	344
CHO 1	Donegal	-	-	-	186	77	263
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	-	-	-	33	21	54
<b>CHO 2</b>	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	228	353	581
CHO 2	Galway	-	-	-	31	99	130
CHO 2	Mayo	-	-	-	192	150	342
CHO 2	Roscommon	-	-	-	5	104	109
<b>CHO 3</b>	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	307	311	618
CHO 3	Clare	-	-	-	125	167	292
CHO 3	Limerick	-	-	-	143	68	211
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	-	-	-	39	76	115
<b>CHO 4</b>	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	987	604	1,591
CHO 4	Kerry	-	-	-	250	131	381
CHO 4	North Cork	-	-	-	73	38	111
CHO 4	North Lee	-	-	-	129	69	198
CHO 4	South Lee	-	-	-	462	290	752
CHO 4	West Cork	-	-	-	73	76	149
<b>CHO 5</b>	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	315	688	1,003
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	-	-	-	28	100	128
CHO 5	South Tipperary	-	-	-	41	77	118
CHO 5	Waterford	-	-	-	78	162	240
CHO 5	Wexford	-	-	-	168	349	517
<b>CHO 6</b>	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	128	211	339
CHO 6	Dublin South East	-	-	-	7	52	59
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	-	-	-	67	100	167
CHO 6	Wicklow	-	-	-	54	59	113
<b>CHO 7</b>	<b>Total</b>	-	1	1	480	58	538
CHO 7	Dublin South City	-	1	1	32	30	62
CHO 7	Dublin South West	-	-	-	132	-	132
CHO 7	Dublin West	-	-	-	201	28	229
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	-	-	-	115	-	115
<b>CHO 8</b>	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	529	239	768
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	-	-	-	377	-	377
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	-	-	-	33	15	48
CHO 8	Louth	-	-	-	45	124	169
CHO 8	Meath	-	-	-	74	100	174
<b>CHO 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	62	33	95
CHO 9	Dublin North	-	-	-	49	19	68
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	-	-	-	1	1	2
CHO 9	Dublin North West	-	-	-	12	13	25