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Patricia Ryan,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Ryan,

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 26363/23

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 371 of 20 April 2023, the number of hours that were provided in 2022 on intensive home care packages; 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 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.

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.

The information requested relating to the number of Intensive homecare package hours delivered in 2022, is appended to this correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen Jordan
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Services for Older People
Community Operations

Appendix 1 – Intensive Homecare Package Hours Delivered in 2022

		Home Support
Year	Desc	Total
2022	INTENSIVE HCP'S	150,750
2022	Complex Intensive Packages	73,583
2022	Total	224,333