



03 October 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 39455/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours currently being provided in each LHO area as of 1 September 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, 3-6, 6-12 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 and the data shows that as at the end of July no person who has been assessed for the provision of Home Support is waiting on funding. 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 Assistants (Home Support) and recruits as many suitable candidates where possible.

The most up to date 2023 activity reflects the year to date period of 31st of July, 2023. Available waiting list data reflects those that have been assessed and waiting for the provision of Home support as at the 31st of July, 2023. Activity data relating to the length of time waiting is not collated nationally.

Please note that July ytd activity is incomplete due to a data gap from one LHO. Data is preliminary and may be subject to change.



Appendix 1 details the breakdown of Home Support hour's activity versus target at National/CHO/LHO level for the July 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 31st July 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1:

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

CHO	LHO	YTD Target 2023	YTD Activity 2023	% Variance YTD
National Total		13,831,707	12,407,997	-10.3%
CHO 1	Total	1,524,658	1,406,050	-7.8%
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	361,209	350,862	-2.9%
CHO 1	Donegal	741,781	668,554	-9.9%
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	421,668	386,634	-8.3%
CHO 2	Total	1,527,562	1,266,240	-17.1%
CHO 2	Galway	797,625	660,196	-17.2%
CHO 2	Mayo	441,760	371,117	-16.0%
CHO 2	Roscommon	288,177	234,927	-18.5%
CHO 3	Total	1,251,670	1,096,205	-12.4%
CHO 3	Clare	422,339	362,129	-14.3%
CHO 3	Limerick	482,220	430,700	-10.7%
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	347,111	303,376	-12.6%
CHO 4	Total	1,866,773	1,553,762	-16.8%
CHO 4	Kerry	446,572	425,333	-4.8%
CHO 4	North Cork	309,832	228,335	-26.3%
CHO 4	North Lee	408,976	293,941	-28.1%
CHO 4	South Lee	488,551	428,990	-12.2%
CHO 4	West Cork	212,842	177,164	-16.8%
CHO 5	Total	1,364,930	1,108,905	-18.8%
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	377,694	286,260	-24.2%
CHO 5	South Tipperary	267,586	208,597	-22.0%
CHO 5	Waterford	277,522	262,926	-5.3%
CHO 5	Wexford	442,128	351,122	-20.6%
CHO 6	Total	1,068,713	1,083,021	1.3%
CHO 6	Dublin South East	339,138	350,473	3.3%
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	427,583	444,489	4.0%
CHO 6	Wicklow	301,992	288,059	-4.6%
CHO 7	Total	1,463,670	1,379,720	-5.7%
CHO 7	Dublin South City	312,522	300,735	-3.8%
CHO 7	Dublin South West	399,265	375,874	-5.9%
CHO 7	Dublin West	309,596	292,564	-5.5%
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	442,287	410,547	-7.2%
CHO 8	Total	1,626,306	1,481,687	-8.9%
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	427,715	408,101	-4.6%
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	414,923	335,106	-19.2%
CHO 8	Louth	361,495	329,773	-8.8%
CHO 8	Meath	422,173	408,707	-3.2%
CHO 9	Total	2,137,425	2,032,407	-4.9%
CHO 9	Dublin North	876,189	843,429	-3.7%
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	637,839	573,920	-10.0%
CHO 9	Dublin North West	623,397	615,058	-1.3%



Appendix 2

Home Support Waiting lists at National/CHO/LHO at the point in time position as at 31st July 2023.

CHO	LHO	Funding	Carers
		Total	Total
National Total		-	6,061
CHO 1	Total	-	663
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	-	337
CHO 1	Donegal	-	211
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	-	115
CHO 2	Total	-	605
CHO 2	Galway	-	240
CHO 2	Mayo	-	246
CHO 2	Roscommon	-	119
CHO 3	Total	-	663
CHO 3	Clare	-	308
CHO 3	Limerick	-	223
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	-	132
CHO 4	Total	-	1,678
CHO 4	Lerry	-	265
CHO 4	North CorL	-	107
CHO 4	North Lee	-	134
CHO 4	South Lee	-	1,003
CHO 4	West CorL	-	169
CHO 5	Total	-	917
CHO 5	Carlow Lillenny	-	117
CHO 5	South Tipperary	-	129
CHO 5	Waterford	-	257
CHO 5	Wexford	-	414
CHO 6	Total	-	278
CHO 6	Dublin South East	-	84
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	-	39
CHO 6	Wicklow	-	155
CHO 7	Total	-	494
CHO 7	Dublin South City	-	65
CHO 7	Dublin South West	-	72
CHO 7	Dublin West	-	255
CHO 7	Lildare West Wicklow	-	102
CHO 8	Total	-	676
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	-	311
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	-	92
CHO 8	Louth	-	131
CHO 8	Meath	-	142
CHO 9	Total	-	87
CHO 9	Dublin North	-	69
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	-	2
CHO 9	Dublin North West	-	16