



30 April 2024

**Deputy Jim O' Callaghan,**  
**Dáil Eireann,**  
**Leinster House,**  
**Kildare Street,**  
**Dublin 2.**

**Dear Deputy O' Callaghan,**

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 1871/24**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of homecare support hours for older people provided in each LHO area in 2023 , in tabular form; 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 to the current service is based on 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 with the latest population projections indicating a 38% increase in the over 65s population and a 68% increase in the over 85s population by 2031. As a result of increased demand, there are waiting lists for home support, now primarily associated with an increasing capacity issue related to the availability of care staff. Priority is given to people in the community with acute needs and people 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 it is expedited across the system to ensure minimum waiting times.

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, 22,115,738 home support hours were delivered nationally, a variance of +0.5% against target YTD. Of note, 1.32m more hours were provided in 2023 when compared to 2022 year end position

Appendix 1 details the breakdown of Home Support hour's activity at LHO level at the point in time position as at 31 December 2023 YTD period (preliminary data).



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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Jordan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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



## Appendix 1:

Home Support hour's activity at LHO level at the point in time position as at 31 December 2023 (YTD) period (preliminary data).

CHO	LHO	Total
<b>National Total</b>		<b>22,115,738</b>
<b>CHO 1</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,537,443</b>
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	613,990
CHO 1	Donegal	1,251,751
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	671,701
<b>CHO 2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,224,539</b>
CHO 2	Galway	1,152,485
CHO 2	Mayo	657,616
CHO 2	Roscommon	414,438
<b>CHO 3</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,905,399</b>
CHO 3	Clare	621,494
CHO 3	Limerick	755,480
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	528,425
<b>CHO 4</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,810,156</b>
CHO 4	Kerry	767,206
CHO 4	North Cork	408,570
CHO 4	North Lee	527,664
CHO 4	South Lee	775,826
CHO 4	West Cork	330,890
<b>CHO 5</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,923,461</b>
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	491,029
CHO 5	South Tipperary	362,158
CHO 5	Waterford	441,542
CHO 5	Wexford	628,732
<b>CHO 6</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,949,137</b>
CHO 6	Dublin South East	618,090
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	825,763
CHO 6	Wicklow	505,284
<b>CHO 7</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,517,814</b>
CHO 7	Dublin South City	567,782
CHO 7	Dublin South West	707,383
CHO 7	Dublin West	510,643
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	732,006
<b>CHO 8</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,647,683</b>
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	754,016
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	593,088
CHO 8	Louth	569,277
CHO 8	Meath	731,302
<b>CHO 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3,600,106</b>
CHO 9	Dublin North	1,502,687
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	1,002,169
CHO 9	Dublin North West	1,095,251