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Ref: PQ ref 25355/24

To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding used in County Galway in 2023 for the complex needs homecare package; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Fitzmaurice

I refer to PQ ref 25355/24 uploaded on the PAD System on the 5th June, 2024 due for a response on the 25th June, 2024 regarding representation you have made to the Minister of Health regarding the amount of funding used in County Galway in 2023 for the complex needs homecare package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. The HSE have been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the current position.

Home Care Packages was introduced in 2006 and over time the distinction between the Home Help Service and the Home Care Package Scheme caused confusion, in particular for clients. Therefore in 2018 the HSE introduced single funding which brought together allocations for the Home Help Service and the Home Care Package Scheme and combined them as one Home Support Service Budget.

Intensive Home Care Packages are home support services in excess of 56 hours per week and are funded by the National Office. Galway have five such packages in place, the total cost for 2023 amounted to €183,011. In 2023, Home Support Galway delivered 1,152,486 hours to 3,651 clients of which 1,078 clients were new to the home support service, at a cost of €33,214,463.

I trust this response addresses the issues you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely



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