



16th July 2024.

Deputy Ged Nash,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Nash,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Questions, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ 27108/24

To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will confirm the number of people on panels in each CHO area concerning home care positions with the HSE; the number of directly employed homecare workers who were appointed by the HSE in each CHO area for 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024; 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.

Home Support services for Older People are provided either by directly employed HCA staff or by voluntary and private providers who have formal service arrangements with the HSE to deliver the services. The HSE through the National Service Plan 2024 is funded to provide for the delivery of 22m hours of home support to over 54,000 people by year end. There has been a 26.5% growth in the delivery of home support 2019 to 2023 with 22.115m hours provided in 2023. Most recent available activity data reflects the period 31st May 2024, 2024 Year to Date (YTD) with 9.4m hours delivered May YTD 2024, an increase of + 7.9% (0.7m hours) on the same period last year (SPLY). Data is preliminary and subject to change with a 96% return rate.

Panels are managed by local recruitment in each CHO HR Departments and Home Support Service and this data is not collated nationally.

Appendix 1 which details healthcare assistants (Home Support) directly employed by the HSE in each year by CHO from 2022 to the latest available data YTD as at 31st May 2024.

Yours sincerely,

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Services for Older People – Access and Intergration

Appendix 1 which details Health Care Assistants (Home Support) directly employed by the HSE per CHO as at 31st Decemer for each of the years 2022 and 2023 and as at 31st May 2024.

CHO	Description	2024 YTD (May)		2023		2022	
		WTE	Headcount	WTE	Headcount	WTE	Headcount
National Total		3,674	5,104	3,638	5,091	3,782	5,306
CHO1	Healthcare Assistant (Home Support)	872	1,048	824	994	764	946
CHO2	Healthcare Assistant (Home Support)	363	486	376	493	407	528
CHO3	Healthcare Assistant (Home Support)	364	518	364	523	342	512
CHO4	Healthcare Assistant (Home Support)	939	1,470	932	1,477	1,076	1,555
CHO5	Healthcare Assistant (Home Support)	609	811	609	819	648	892
CHO6	Healthcare Assistant (Home Support)	-	-	-	-	-	-
CHO7	Healthcare Assistant (Home Support)	133	171	133	172	131	239
CHO8	Healthcare Assistant (Home Support)	395	600	400	613	415	634
CHO9	Healthcare Assistant (Home Support)	-	-	-	-	-	-