



11th of April, 2025

Pádraig Rice,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Rice,

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: 15997/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for home care packages, by CHO and LHO, in tabular form. -Pádraig Rice

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.

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. The home support service is managed by the local Home Support Management Team within each Community Healthcare Organisation/Health Region to ensure that this key service is available at the required times, in a flexible way and at the appropriate standard to support clients' assessed needs.

The latest available preliminary data reflects the period to 28th February 2025. As of this date, 133 people assessed and waiting on funding to be allocated. As of the same date, 4,628 people were assessed and waiting for a carer to be assigned, 2,124 were new clients while 2,504 were already in receipt of home support but waiting on additional hours to commence. Please note that the data quoted above is understated due to a data gap in one LHO.

With regard to your request for data at CHO/LHO level, please note that due to the national implementation of the new HSE Health Region structure, home support activity data is no longer available in the requested format. In light of this, requested data is now provided at Health Region level. Please see appendices below with requested data set out by Health Region.

Yours sincerely,

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Services for Older People, Access and Integration

Appendix 1 Details the number of persons on a waiting list waiting on Carers by Health Region.

Home Support Waiting List - Waiting on Carers

	Waiting on Carers <i>(New & Additional)</i>	2025		
		Total	New	Additional
National Total		4,628	2,124	2,504
RHA A	HSE Dublin and North East	1,011	412	599
RHA B	HSE Dublin and Midlands	721	207	514
RHA C	HSE Dublin and South East	957	584	373
RHA D	HSE South West	757	248	509
RHA E	HSE Mid West	456	410	46
RHA F	HSE West and North West	726	263	463

Appendix 2 Details the number of persons on a waiting list waiting on Funding by Health Region.

Home Support Waiting List - Waiting on Funding

	Waiting on Funding (New & Additional)	2025		
		Total	New	Additional
National Total		133	17	116
RHA A	HSE Dublin and North East	-	-	-
RHA B	HSE Dublin and Midlands	133	17	116
RHA C	HSE Dublin and South East	-	-	-
RHA D	HSE South West	-	-	-
RHA E	HSE Mid West	-	-	-
RHA F	HSE West and North West	-	-	-