



28<sup>th</sup> April, 2025

**Deputy Ruairí Ó Murchú,**  
**Dáil Eireann,**  
**Leinster House,**  
**Kildare Street,**  
**Dublin 2.**

**Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,**

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: 18196/25**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting for funding and for a carer for HSE home support in each month of 2025, by CHO and LHO; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Ruairí Ó Murchú**

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(s) within each 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025. As of this date, 4,888 people were assessed and waiting for a carer to be assigned, 2,195 were new clients while 2,693 were already in receipt of home support but waiting on additional hours to commence. As of same date, no person was waiting on funding approval.

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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**Kathleen Jordan**  
**Head of Service**  
**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 a Carer**

RHA	Description	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25
<b>National Total</b>		<b>4,826</b>	<b>5,119</b>	<b>4,888</b>
<b>RHA A</b>	HSE Dublin and North East	283	726	672
<b>RHA B</b>	HSE Dublin and Midlands	386	456	504
<b>RHA C</b>	HSE Dublin and South East	931	766	702
<b>RHA D</b>	HSE South West	969	957	950
<b>RHA E</b>	HSE Mid West	757	721	763
<b>RHA F</b>	HSE West and North West	1,500	1,493	1,297

**Appendix 2 Details the number of person on a waiting list waiting on funding by Health Regions.**

**Home Support Waiting List – Waiting on funding**

RHA	Description	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25
<b>National Total</b>		<b>974</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>RHA A</b>	HSE Dublin and North East	518	-	-
<b>RHA B</b>	HSE Dublin and Midlands	451	133	-
<b>RHA C</b>	HSE Dublin and South East	-	-	-
<b>RHA D</b>	HSE South West	5	-	-
<b>RHA E</b>	HSE Mid West	-	-	-
<b>RHA F</b>	HSE West and North West	-	-	-