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Deputy Johnny Guirke, TD
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Re: PQ 19116/25 - To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of people waiting for carer funding and for a carer provision for HSE home support in each month of 2025 in Meath, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter – Johnny Guirke

Dear Deputy Guirke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows in tabular format for the four (4) areas across the former CHO:

Meath

Number of Clients on Meath Disability Home Support Service Waiting List 2025			
	Children 0-18	Adult Physical & Sensory	Adult Intellectual Disabilities
January	70	23	9
February	67	22	11
March	65	17	8
April	68	14	9
May	73	8	7

Home Support applications are reviewed monthly by a multidisciplinary Community Support Forum (CSF) which determines the level of support required and prioritises cases based on individual needs and living circumstances.

The commencement of services however for approved applicants is not solely dependent on funding. Delays may also arise due to:

- Ongoing recruitment and retention challenges faced by organisations commissioned by the HSE to provide home support services;
- Clients declining to proceed with approved services after arrangements are made (these clients remain on the waitlist);
- Difficulty in identifying appropriate staffing in terms of experience, particularly for children's services;

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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