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Deputy Johnny Guirke,  
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**Re: PQ ref 19709/25 – the number of people waiting for carer funding and for a carer provision for HSE home support in CHO8 and the average wait time per case.**

Dear Deputy Guirke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above representation. I have examined the matter and outline the position below.

The number of people waiting for HSE Home support at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

CHO8 Home Support Waiting List April 2025		NEW	ADDITIONAL
CHO 8	CHO TOTAL	292	319
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	48	33
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	67	66
CHO 8	Louth	21	20
CHO 8	Meath	156	200

The HSE does not routinely collect or maintain data specific to the average waiting times for Home Support services. However, the majority of applications received for Home Support service are prioritised and processed without undue delay, contingent upon the availability of appropriate resources. In instances where delays are experienced, these are most commonly due to resource limitations related to carer availability and applicant's geographical location.

The Home Support department continuously monitors and reviews all outstanding applications and once resources become available, and as soon as practicably possible, services will be prioritised accordingly under the Older Person services, Home Support model of care.



Of note, a new recruitment campaign for Health Care Assistants (Home Support) is underway across IHA Louth/Meath and IHA Midlands with a specific focus on areas that have increased service needs.

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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