



18th February 2025.

Deputy 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 Questions, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ: 3330/25

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

PQ: 3331/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for home care packages in each month in 2023 and 2024, 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.

Available waiting list data reflects those that have been assessed and waiting for the provision of Home Support as at 31st December 2024. As of this date, the total number of people assessed and waiting on funding to be allocated was **840**, while the total number of people assessed and waiting for a carer to be assigned stood at **4,716**; 2,111 were new clients and 2,605 were existing clients already in receipt of Home Support, but waiting on additional service to commence. Please see Appendix 1, 2 and 3 below which sets out the waiting list data per month by CHO in the years requested. Please note that no person was waiting on funding release throughout 2023. **Please note data is preliminary in nature and subject to change.*

The HSE is currently transitioning to the new Regional Health Areas (RHAs) structure in line with Sláintecare. Pending finalisation of the structures and the associated data reporting pathways, activity is provided at CHO level.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1. Details the number of clients assessed and on a waiting list for home support for each month in 2024, by CHO.

Carers - Total [New & Additional]												
CHO	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24
National Total	5,530	5,557	5,708	5,520	5,352	5,305	5,101	5,211	5,257	5,270	4,862	4,716
CHO1	616	652	692	659	678	678	652	699	797	783	794	843
CHO2	841	909	935	906	902	909	990	925	867	814	849	836
CHO3	772	715	794	763	752	737	713	771	782	798	867	860
CHO4	1,196	1,210	1,302	1,284	1,160	1,183	1,130	1,107	1,100	1,037	931	1,018
CHO5	822	901	869	876	826	801	742	726	685	712	652	574
CHO6	294	263	252	239	285	235	213	271	286	359	231	189
CHO7	422	374	311	280	288	278	194	274	288	324	322	304
CHO8	558	527	546	505	461	482	467	438	447	443	207	92
CHO9	9	6	7	8	-	2	-	-	5	-	9	-

Appendix 2. Details the number of clients assessed and on a waiting list for home support for each month in 2023, by CHO.

Carers - Total [New & Additional]												
CHO	Jan-23	Feb-23	Mar-23	Apr-23	May-23	Jun-23	Jul-23	Aug-23	Sep-23	Oct-23	Nov-23	Dec-23
National	6,362	6,234	6,432	6,166	6,198	6,020	6,061	5,986	6,160	6,127	5,689	5,863
CHO1	728	744	673	661	668	650	663	654	648	593	603	632
CHO2	531	561	599	581	687	659	605	586	617	755	823	821
CHO3	652	633	677	590	642	550	663	666	870	864	773	761
CHO4	1,499	1,565	1,575	1,591	1,565	1,591	1,678	1,648	1,632	1,560	1,421	1,400
CHO5	983	964	988	1,003	974	957	917	974	920	843	825	877
CHO6	416	328	401	339	245	262	278	237	239	200	181	235
CHO7	732	683	628	538	587	531	494	468	453	519	366	406
CHO8	725	653	787	768	749	738	676	721	756	782	683	712
CHO9	96	103	104	95	81	82	87	32	25	11	14	19

Appendix 3. Details the number of clients assessed and on a waiting list for home support funding for each month in 2024, by CHO.

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