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Deputy Rice,  
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**PQ 8468/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on a waiting list for paediatric home care packages by CHO and LHO, in tabular form.**

– Padraig Rice

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Dear Deputy Rice,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 8468/25) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Paediatric Home Care Packages (PHCP) are a home nursing service provided by HSE Primary Care when a child has complex healthcare nursing needs that cannot be met by existing Primary Care and social services. They are put in place to enable families to care for their CCHN (Children with Complex Healthcare Needs) at home. This service is delivered to CCHNs who are children who have substantial healthcare needs as a result of one or more congenital, acquired or chronic conditions and who have functional limitations that often require technology assistance and ongoing nursing care primarily to support their parents to care for them at home.

There is no reported waiting list for PHCP. However, the HSE is not aware of any issue around delays in initiating new PHCPs cases. The PHCP service is in place since 2017 and clear referral pathways for PHCP enable new PHCP cases to be initiated without any delay. Note that in many instances the assessment for a potential new PHCP case is completed when the child is an inpatient in an acute or maternity hospital setting which enables the arrangements for initiating a new PHCP case in place to be completed before the child is discharged home.

I trust this is of assistance.

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