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Deputy Pádraig Rice TD,
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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 Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ 8480/25:

To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to increase the number of interRAI assessments for Home Support (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Details Supplied: Please outline what is being done given that the targets for interRAI assessments being missed in 2023 and 2024

HSE Response:

The HSE and the Department of Health have made the decision to implement interRAI as the care needs assessment and a core component to ensure readiness for the pending Regulations for the Providers of Home Support Services and the Statutory Home Support Scheme (SHSS).

Implementation of interRAI continues to be progressed nationally by the HSE across home support services as part of the development of a standardised home support operating model. A national Home Support interRAI Governance structure has been established to guide the implementation of standardised needs assessment processes using interRAI to assist Home Support decision making and service allocation across the Health Regions.



Additional interRAI training pathways have been operationalised to support interRAI Implementation nationally. Within available resources interRAI training of Healthcare Professionals across the regions is being undertaken with a view to have sufficient staff trained to meet the requirements of the upcoming regulations. An increase in activity of care needs assessment is anticipated in 2025, in line with the planned reform of Home Support Services.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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