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Deputy Peter 'Chap' Cleere TD,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ: 36874 25** To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on agency and recruitment agency by the HSE for the provision of home care services; and if she will make a statement on the matter

Dear Deputy Cleere,

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 Health for response. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

Home Support aims to enable people to continue to live in their own homes with confidence, security and dignity. 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 available resources and competing demands for the services.

The population is ageing, with the latest population projections indicating a 38% increase in the over 65-years population and 68% increase in the over 85 years population by 2031. Data from the ESRI 'Demand for Statutory Home Support Scheme' Report 2021 indicate that up to 8 million additional hours of home support may be required in less than 10 years to meet the increased demand from people with Activities of Daily Living (ADL) difficulties who may have previously relied on unpaid and family care. (ESRI, 2021).

Demand for Home Support, and its importance as an alternative service to long stay care, 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. Then type of Home Support that is now required to meet the needs of the population is a more person-centered personal care model. 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.

The latest preliminary activity available reflects the period to the end of May 2025. As of this date, 10.2M hours were delivered to 59,017 people.



With regard to your query in relation to the amount spent on agency and recruitment, please note the following;

The amount spent on agency (locum/agency services in Home Support) and recruitment agency by the HSE for the provision of home care services:

2024:	€3.2M
2025 YTD May:	€1.5M

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at [sarah.anderson1@hse.ie](mailto:sarah.anderson1@hse.ie) or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely

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