



13th August 2025

Deputy Paul Mc Auliffe,

Dáil Éireann

Leinster House

Kildare Street

Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Mc Auliffe,

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.

PQ41027/25:

To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to expand the rollout of interRAI single assessments for home support; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

The HSE and the Department of Health have selected interRAI as a national standardised needs assessment. National implementation of interRAI for home support services is a priority and it is a core component to ensure readiness for the pending Regulations for the Providers of Home Support Services and the Statutory Home Support Scheme (SHSS).

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 all the Health Regions. Additional interRAI training pathways have been operationalised and within available resources, 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.

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. interRAI is currently operational in 5 of the 6 HSE health regions. 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,

Kathleen Jordan

Head of Service

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