



Oifig an Stiúrthóir Cúnta Náisiúnta,
Foireann Míchumais Náisiúnta, An Chéad
Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15, Áras Phlásóg na Rós,
Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile, Páirc
Náisiúnta Teicneolaíochta, Caladh an
Treoigh, Luimneach

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PQ: 41031/25

To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the average hours of home support delivered to disabled people in 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McAuliffe,

Thank you for your Parliamentary Question referenced above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

The HSE provides a range of assisted living services including Personal Assistant and Home Support Services to support individuals to maximise their capacity to live full and independent lives.

PA and Home Support Services are provided either directly by the HSE or through a range of voluntary service providers. The majority of specialised disability provision (80%) is delivered through non-statutory sector service providers.

Services are accessed through an application process or through referrals from public health nurses or other community based staff. Individuals' needs are evaluated against the criteria for prioritisation for the particular services and then decisions are made in relation to the allocation of resources. Resource allocation is determined by the needs of the individual, compliance with prioritisation criteria, and the level of resources available.

As with every service there is not a limitless resource available for the provision of home support services and while the resources available are substantial they are finite. In this context, services are discretionary and the number of hours granted is determined by other support services already provided to the person/family.

Service Provision

The HSE is committed to protecting the level of Personal Assistant (PA) and Home Support Services available to persons with disabilities. Table 1 on the next page provides data for Home Support Services delivered to people with a disability from 2018 - 2024. The HSE has consistently, year on year, increased the number of hours of Home Support Services delivered to people with a disability.



Table 1: data for Home Support Services

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Home Support – Number of Hours	3,138,939	3,036,182	2,939,541	2,949,806	3,369,146	3,544,938	3,850,161
Home Support – No. People availing of service	7,522	7,321	6,792	6,902	7,164	7,026	6,935

In 2025, in accordance with the National Service Plan, the HSE is committed to the provision of an additional 40,000 home support hours.

- Home Support hrs delivered = 1,007,133 for Q1 2025.
- No. People in receipt of HS = 7,326 for Q1 2025.

Average hours would therefore be 137.5 hours per person in Q1 2025.

Yours sincerely,

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Tom McGuirk,
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