



5th September 2025

**Deputy John Brady,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.**

Dear Deputy Brady,

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 41917/25:

To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications received in 2024 and 2025 to date for respite care; the number of people currently on the waiting list for respite care services, broken down by county and waiting list timeframe, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

The table below details the number of applications received in 2024 and 2025 to date for respite care broken down by county.

A waiting list for respite services for older persons is not maintained centrally. When referrals for respite are received locally in the regions, they are assessed and allocated to appropriate locations, for the dates requested where possible. Services in the regions respond to meeting the need for respite care within available capacity locally.



County	No. Referrals 2024	No. Referrals to date (Mid August) 2025
Carlow	188	227
Cavan/ Monaghan	313	344
Clare	190	109
Cork	1501	1355
Donegal	315	263
Dublin	3489	2733
Galway	280	291
Kerry	310	215
Kildare	505	404
Laois/ Offaly	245	211
Limerick	50	70
Longford	86	63
Louth	239	142
Mayo	573	375
Meath	372	251
Roscommon	166	141
Sligo/ Leitrim	297	267
Tipperary	605	416
Waterford / Kilkenny	372	374
Westmeath	174	102
Wexford	658	406
Wicklow	321	182
Total	11249	8941

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Whelehan
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