



14th August, 2025

Deputy Martin Daly,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Daly,

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: 42679/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours currently being provided in each local health office (LHO) area as of 1 July 2025 or the latest date available; the way that compares to target in each LHO for the same time period; the number of persons currently on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; the number waiting 0-3, 3-6, 6-12 and the number waiting 12 months plus, in tabular form. -Martin Daly

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 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. The recent ESRI publication of 30th June 2025 '*Projections of national demand and ded capacity for older people's care in Ireland, 2022:2040*' states that the population aged over 65 is projected to grow from 0.78m in 2022 to over 1.3m by 2040. This demographic shift is the primary driver of increased demand for home support services.

Demand for Home Support, and its importance as an alternative service to long stay care, continues to increase due to population growth as outline above and the increasing dependency of the growing numbers of people aged ≥80years, within the over 65 years' cohort. The 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 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 available preliminary data reflects the period to 30th June 2025. As of this date, 12.3m Home Support hours were delivered nationally. As of the same date, no people were waiting on funding to be allocated, 4,945 people were assessed and waiting for a carer to be assigned, 2,121 were new service users while 2,824 were already in receipt of home support but waiting on additional hours to commence. In relation to your query '*the number waiting 0-3, 3-6, 6-12 and the number waiting 12 months plus*' the HSE does not currently collate this information nationally. While this information may be available locally, in the absence of a national ICT System for Home Support, it would take considerable resources to collate same at a national level.

**Please note that data provided is preliminary in nature and may be subject to change.*

Please see appendices below set out by Health Region with requested data.

Yours sincerely,

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Services for Older People, Access and Integration

Appendix 1: Total Home Support Hours Delivered as at June by Health Region;

Home Support Activity - 2025 Total Hours Delivered		
RHA	Description	YTD
		YTD Target Reporting
National Total		11,901,371 12,331,415
	HSE Dublin and North East	2,240,575 3,043,959
	HSE Dublin and Midlands	2,939,460 2,392,356
	HSE Dublin and South East	2,041,655 2,194,659
	HSE South West	1,592,269 1,603,823
	HSE Mid West	946,805 957,605
	HSE West and North West	2,140,607 2,139,013

Appendix 2: Number of Service Users waiting on a carer as at 30th June by Health Region;

Home Support Waiting List - Waiting on Care Staff

Health Region	YTD Reporting
National Total	4,945
HSE Dublin North East	762
HSE Dublin Midlands	285
HSE Dublin South East	782
HSE South West	990
HSE Mid West	761
HSE West and North West	1,365