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Deputy Marie Sherlock TD,
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Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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 33725/25: To ask the Minister for Health if the common assessment approach to the needs of older people known as InterRAI is fully operational across all six HSE health regions; and if the electronic version piloted with co-funding from an organisation (details supplied) almost a decade ago forms part of this process.

Details Supplied: The Atlantic Philanthropies

HSE Response:

The HSE and the Department of Health have made the decision to implement interRAI as the care needs assessment of choice. interRAI is a digitally enabled comprehensive and standardised care needs assessment system, which was originally piloted with assistance from Atlantic Philanthropies with a focus on older people.

The 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. Within available resources interRAI 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,

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