



2nd July, 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: 34552/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours currently being provided in each LHO area as of 1 June 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; and the number waiting 0-3 months, 3-6, 6-12 and over 12 months, in tabular form. -Martin Daly

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 the available resources and the competing demands for the service.

Demand for home support continues to increase due to population growth and the increasing dependency of the growing numbers of people aged ≥80years, within the over 65 years' cohort. The home support service is managed by the local Home Support Management Team within each Community Healthcare Organisation/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.

As of 31st May 2025 YTD (latest available preliminary data), 10.2m Home Support hours were delivered nationally to 59,017 people, an increase of +6.4% in the number of hours delivered when compared to the same period last year. As of the same date, no one person was waiting on funding to be allocated, 4,833 people were assessed and waiting for a carer to be assigned of which 2,198 were new service users while 2,635 were already in receipt of home support but waiting on additional hours to commence. In regard to the "number waiting 0-3 months, 3-6, 6-12 and over 12 months" this information is not currently collated nationally. While this information may be available locally within the Health Regions, it would take considerable resources to produce data on this nationally. **Please note data is preliminary in nature and subject to change.*

With the implementation of the Health Region structure, LHO-level data is unavailable. The requested data is provided below by Health Region.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1: Health Regions Targets & the Number of Home Support Hours delivered by May YTD;

Home Support Activity - 2025 Total Hours Delivered				
RHA	Description	YTD Target	YTD Reporting	YTD % Var vs Target
National Total		9,928,766	10,194,501	2.7%
RHA A	HSE Dublin and North East	2,452,256	2,524,073	2.9%
RHA B	HSE Dublin and Midlands	1,869,208	1,963,104	5.0%
RHA C	HSE Dublin and South East	1,703,259	1,809,548	6.2%
RHA D	HSE South West	1,328,357	1,329,713	0.1%
RHA E	HSE Mid West	789,876	795,788	0.7%
RHA F	HSE West and North West	1,785,810	1,772,277	-0.8%

Appendix 2: Number of Service Users waiting on Carers by Health Region May YTD;

Waiting on Carers (New & Additional)	May-25		
	Total	New	Additional
National Total	4,833	2,198	2,635
HSE Dublin North East	600	233	367
HSE Dublin Midlands	447	309	138
HSE Dublin South East	779	238	541
HSE South West	933	564	369
HSE Mid West	740	197	543
HSE West and North West	1,334	657	677