



**2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025**

**Deputy Michael Cahill,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.**

**Dear Deputy Cahill,**

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: 11712/25**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of home care hours that have been granted in each HSE health region; the number of these hours/provision that are not being provided as the home support unit does not have the capacity to facilitate them, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

**-Michael Cahill**

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.

Available preliminary waiting list data reflects the period to end of February 2025. As of this date, 3,847,473 hours were delivered to 56,317 people nationally, representing an increase of +1.7% when compared to the same period last year. As of the same date, the total number of people assessed and waiting for a carer to be assigned stood at 4,628; 2,124 were new clients and 2,504 were existing clients already in receipt of Home Support but waiting on additional service to commence.

Please note that there was a data gap for February in one LHO therefore the data quoted is understated. Please see appendices below with regard to requested data.

Yours sincerely,

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**Kathleen Jordan**  
**Head of Service**  
**Services for Older People, Access and Integration**

## Waiting list data at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

### Home Support Waiting List - Waiting on Carers

	Waiting on Carers <i>(New &amp; Additional)</i>	2025		
		Total	New	Additional
National Total		4,628	2,124	2,504
RHA A	HSE Dublin and North East	1,011	412	599
RHA B	HSE Dublin and Midlands	721	207	514
RHA C	HSE Dublin and South East	957	584	373
RHA D	HSE South West	757	248	509
RHA E	HSE Mid West	456	410	46
RHA F	HSE West and North West	726	263	463

### Home Support Waiting List - Waiting on Funding

	Waiting on Funding (New & Additional)	2025		
		Total	New	Additional
National Total		133	17	116
RHA A	HSE Dublin and North East	-	-	-
RHA B	HSE Dublin and Midlands	133	17	116
RHA C	HSE Dublin and South East	-	-	-
RHA D	HSE South West	-	-	-
RHA E	HSE Mid West	-	-	-
RHA F	HSE West and North West	-	-	-

### Home Support Activity Total Hours Delivered as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

	Description	2025
		Total
National	Total	3,847,473
RHA A	HSE Dublin and North East	578,882
RHA B	HSE Dublin and Midlands	306,276
RHA C	HSE Dublin and South East	531,790
RHA D	HSE South West	698,677
RHA E	HSE Mid West	780,234
RHA F	HSE West and North West	951,614