



6th June 2025

Deputy Sorca Clarke
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Clarke,

Re: PQ 11856/25 – To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on a waiting list for a paediatric homecare package in CHO8.

Dear Deputy Clarke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Representation, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

Primary Care, CHO8, do not hold a waiting list for Paediatric Homecare Packages (PHCP) for Children with Complex Healthcare Needs. PHCP's commence as soon as possible.

Once a referral is received, the Nursing Coordinator arranges to meet with the child/family to complete a Paediatric Community Assessment Tool (PCAT). This assessment determines if the child is eligible/suitable for a PHCP within Primary Care under the Children with Complex Healthcare Needs model. A Business Case is then submitted, once approved, the PHCP issues out to tender for agencies that are listed on the framework to apply. Agencies have 2-3 weeks to respond to the tender.

Once the tender is awarded, a commencement date is agreed with the family and the agency.

Commencement date of PHCP's can be dependent on factors such as, when a child is discharged from Hospital, and if the home is suitable for the nurse to provide nursing care etc.

The following table details the number of active PHCP's in CHO8, as of 2/04/2025:

Area	Number of PHCP
Laois/Offaly	24
Longford/Westmeath	8
Louth	1
Meath	12
Total	45



I trust the above is in order, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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