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Deputy Donna McGettigan,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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RE: PQ 11972/25 To ask the Minister for Health for an update and deadline for the rollout of the dementia-specific home care package for Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. - Donna McGettigan

Dear Deputy McGettigan,

I refer to your correspondence dated the 29th January, 2025

In Clare, as in all parts of the Mid West, the HSE home support service provides support to assist people to remain in their own home for as long as possible. This already includes people with a diagnosis of dementia.

A complex home support service relates to those clients with higher levels of assessed care needs or complexity and who are in receipt of a considerably higher value of supports in the community to:

- return home from hospital or residential care and/or,
- prevent attendance/admission to the emergency department/acute hospital and/or,
- prevent or delay admission to long term residential care

A significant proportion of complex home support hours are delivered to support clients with dementia.

A care needs assessment is carried out with all clients to determine the level of home support they require and there are a number of factors that are considered when allocating hours:

- Home support is not intended to be a 24/7 service
- Home support is always provided within the context of available community and family supports
- Home support is a limited resource and clients are prioritised based on assessed need
- There is a waiting list for home support and the needs of other clients also need to be considered in the context of this limited resource
- Home support hours are delivered within nationally allocated budgets and hours

I trust this clarifies the position. Please contact me if you have any further queries.



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