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Mr. Ruairí Ó Murchú TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ 13777/25**

**To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated for personal assistant service and home support hours for CHO5; the means by which hours are allocated, cases are assessed, and appeals made; how needs of the individual are assessed; and if she will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position in relation to Disability Services.*

Following assessment, hours are allocated subject to prioritisation criteria, availability of resources and having regard for service demands.

In Wexford, assessment is completed by the Liaison Public Health Nurse (LPHN) and / or the ASD Officer using their respective Assessment Forms and Tools (which include Activities of Daily Living, Barthel, Waterlow, Skin Integrity, Cognitive Assessments). The ASD assessment is a combined Social Care and Activities of Daily Living assessment. The Assessor completes the prioritisation criteria.

In Waterford/Carlow/Kilkenny and South Tipperary, referrals are discussed at monthly Referrals Meetings with the Disability Team. Each case is considered as to whether referral meets the criteria. In South Tipperary if successful in meeting criteria for disability services, the respective PHN will meet with the client and assess their needs (using a standard assessment form) in order to advise on hours required.

In Waterford and Carlow/Kilkenny based on this assessment clients are offered Home Support hours or waitlisted.

In both IHAs (Carlow/Kilkenny/Tipperary South and Waterford/Wexford), appeals received are issued to another Disability Manager within the South East for review.

The funding spent in 2024 for personal assistant service and home support for Disability Services is €25,994,498.



I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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