



10th April 2025

Deputy Pádraig Rice,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Rice,

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: 14038/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting for home support in each CHO for longer than one month, three months, longer six months and twelve months, in tabular form. -Pádraig Rice

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 those that have been assessed and waiting for the provision of Home Support as at 28th February 2025. As of this 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. With regard to your request for data in relation to "*length of wait*", please note that this data is not currently collated nationally. While this information may be available locally, it would take considerable resources to collate this nationally. Please note the HSE is now in the new Regional Health Areas (RHAs) structure, in line with Sláintecare and is no longer reporting on CHO areas as from January 2025.

Please see:

- **Appendix 1: sets out the waiting list for those waiting on a carer to be assigned and for those waiting on funding, as at 28th February 2025.**

Yours sincerely,

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Services for Older People, Access and Integration

Appendix 1. Details the National total of clients waiting on a Carer and waiting on funding as at 28th February 2025. (also details the breakdown of new and additional clients waiting on a carer and waiting on funding)

	Waiting on Carers <i>(New & 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

	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	-	-	-