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Deputy Sorca Clarke TD.,
Dail Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

Re: PQ ref 14185/25 - Waiting time for homecare in CHO 8 in the past five years.

Dear Deputy Clarke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above representation. I have examined the matter and outline the position below.

The HSE does not routinely collect or maintain data specific to the average waiting times for Home Support services. However, the majority of applications received for Home Support service are prioritised and processed without undue delay, contingent upon the availability of appropriate resources. In instances where delays are experienced, these are most commonly due to resource limitations related to carer availability, financial limitations and applicant's geographical location.

The Home Support department continuously monitors and reviews all outstanding applications and once resources become available, and as soon as practicably possible, services will be prioritised accordingly under the Older Person services, Home Support model of care.

Of note, a new recruitment campaign for Health Care Assistants (Home Support) is underway across IHA Louth/Meath and IHA Midlands with a specific focus on areas that have increased service needs.

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

Yours sincerely,

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