



20th May, 2025

Deputy Ruairí Ó Murchú
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

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: 23439/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of people waiting for funding and for a carer for HSE home support in each month of 2025, by RHA and IHA; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Ruairí Ó Murchú

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.

The latest available preliminary data reflects the period to 31st March 2025. As of this date, no people were waiting on funding to be allocated. As of the same date, 4,888 people were assessed and waiting for a carer to be assigned, 2,195 were new service users while 2,693 were already in receipt of home support but waiting on additional hours to commence. **Please note data is preliminary in nature and subject to change.*

Please see requested data below set out by Health Region.

Yours sincerely,

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Services for Older People, Access and Integration

Appendix 1: Number of Service Users waiting for a Carer by Health Region.

Home Support Waiting List – Waiting on Carers

RHA	Description	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25
National Total		4,826	5,119	4,888
RHA A	HSE Dublin and North East	283	726	672
RHA B	HSE Dublin and Midlands	386	456	504
RHA C	HSE Dublin and South East	931	766	702
RHA D	HSE South West	969	957	950
RHA E	HSE Mid West	757	721	763
RHA F	HSE West and North West	1,500	1,493	1,297

Appendix 2: Number of Service Users waiting for Funding by Health Region.

Home Support Waiting List – Waiting on Funding

RHA	Description	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25
National Total		974	133	-
RHA A	HSE Dublin and North East	518	-	-
RHA B	HSE Dublin and Midlands	451	133	-
RHA C	HSE Dublin and South East	-	-	-
RHA D	HSE South West	5	-	-
RHA E	HSE Mid West	-	-	-
RHA F	HSE West and North West	-	-	-