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Deputy Mark Wall, Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Wall,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Questions, which were submitted to this Department for response.

PQ: 26739/25

To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of the number of support hours delivered by HSE direct provision, and authorisation scheme providers, by CHO, for the year to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Mark Wall

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.

As of 30th April 2025 YTD (latest available preliminary data), 8,081,957 Home Support hours were delivered nationally. Please see Appendix 1 below, which sets out the year to date position with regards to direct and indirect Home Support service provision. *Please note that the data cited is preliminary and is subject to change*

As the HSE has transitioned to the new Regional Health Areas (RHAs) structure in line with Sláintecare, data is no longer available by CHO and consequently the information provided in Appendix 1 is at Region level.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1. Direct and Indirect Home Support Hours delivered by Health Region.

Home Support Activity – April YTD Direct & Indirect Hours Delivered

	2025		
Health Region	Total	Direct	Indirect
National Total	8,081,957	2,747,403	5,334,554
HSE Dublin & North East	2,000,742	240,852	1,759,890
HSE Dublin & Midlands	1,550,699	250,334	1,300,365
HSE Dublin and South East	1,436,935	444,593	992,342
HSE South West	1,058,314	757,971	300,343
HSE Mid West	631,918	263,019	368,899
HSE West and North West	1,403,349	790,634	612,715