



13th June, 2025

Deputy Mark Wall,
Dáil Éireann,
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: 26975/25

To ask the Minister for Health to provide a breakdown of the number of overnight home support hours that were delivered by HSE direction 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

PQ: 26742/25

To ask the Minister for Health to outline the home support services available to provide family carers with in-home respite supports between the hours of 10pm – 8am; 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.

The home support service which people receive is based on an individual client's care needs which are assessed by clinical staff and the home support provided will vary dependent on the level of dependency and other support structures in place such as attendance at day care etc.

Please note that information requested relating to "*a breakdown of the number of overnight home support hours that were delivered by HSE direction provision and authorisation scheme providers*", is not collated nationally. In terms of hours delivered, activity collected at local level and collated and reported via HSE NBIU, relates to the overall number of hours delivered with a further breakdown of these hours categorised to service provision type i.e. direct and indirect service provision. This information is set out at Appendix 1 for the year to date April 2025 position.

With regard to your request for data at CHO/LHO level, please note that due to the national implementation of the new HSE Health Region structure, home support activity data is no longer available in the requested format and consequently the information provided in Appendix 1 is at Region level.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Whelehan

Assistant National Director, Services for Older People – Access & Integration,

Appendix 1:**Total hours delivered YTD at 30th April 2025 by direct and indirect services and by RHA.**

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

Please note that the data cited is preliminary and is subject to change.