



22nd September 2025

Deputy Conor D McGuinness,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

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: 45091/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of care workers currently working under the home support scheme in each county, in tabular form. -Conor D. McGuinness

PQ: 45092/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of people currently in receipt of the home support scheme in each county, in tabular form. -Conor D. McGuinness

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 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.

Home Support services for Older People are provided either by directly employed Healthcare Assistants (Home Support) staff or by voluntary and private providers who have formal service arrangements with the HSE to deliver the services. As at 31st July 2025, there were 4,788 directly employed Healthcare Assistants (Home Support) and a total of 59,671 service users currently in receipt of a home support service as of that date. Note that the HSE does not hold data on the number of home support workers employed by external agencies who have service arrangements to deliver services on its behalf.

Please see appendices below for a breakdown of the above data by Health Region.

Yours sincerely,

Kathleen Jordan
Head of Service
Services for Older People, Access and Integration

Appendix 1 :

Total Number of Service Users in receipt of a Home Support Service as at 31st July 2025 by Health Region.

Health Region	Jul-25
National Total	59,671
HSE Dublin and North East	13,111
HSE Dublin and Midlands	11,444
HSE Dublin and South East	11,203
HSE South West	8,215
HSE Mid West	5,530
HSE West and North West	10,168

Appendix 2:

Total Number of Healthcare Assistants employed as at 31st July 2025 by Health Region.

Health Region	HCA	Jul-25
		4,788
HSE Dublin and North East	HCA (Headcount)	404
HSE Dublin and Midlands	HCA (Headcount)	480
HSE Dublin and South East	HCA (Headcount)	746
HSE South West	HCA (Headcount)	1,365
HSE Mid West	HCA (Headcount)	494
HSE West and North West	HCA (Headcount)	1,299