



22nd September 2025

Deputy Peter Chap Cleere,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Dear Deputy Cleere,

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: 45193/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of hours that are currently approved nationally for home support services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Peter 'Chap' Cleere

The Home Support Service is funded by Government to deliver a volume of service each year as approved in the HSE National Service Plan; for 2025, this equates to a funded level of service to deliver 24.3m home support hours nationally to 60,000 service users. The home support service is a non-statutory service and access to the current service is based on an assessment of the service users' 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.

Yours sincerely,

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