



3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Mr Peter Cleere, TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ 45194/25**

To ask the Minister for Health the number of hours that are currently approved in Kilkenny for home support services; the breakdown of the number of these hours being carried out by HSE staff and hours carried out by agency staff; the number of hours currently awaiting personnel, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

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Dear Deputy Cleere

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following composite response is the current position.

| <b>Carlow/<br/>Kilkenny</b>    | <b>Jan<br/>2025</b> | <b>Feb<br/>2025</b> | <b>Mar<br/>2025</b> | <b>Apr<br/>2025</b> | <b>May<br/>2025</b> | <b>Jun<br/>2025</b> | <b>July<br/>2025</b> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Direct plus<br/>Private</b> | 42,144              | 41,830              | 43,798              | 42,737              | 43,984              | 42,962              | 43,039               |
| <b>Direct</b>                  | 30,052              | 30,437              | 30,645              | 29,742              | 30,318              | 30,005              | 29,982               |
| <b>Private</b>                 | 12,092              | 11,394              | 13,154              | 12,995              | 13,666              | 12,958              | 13,058               |
| <b>Waiting List</b>            | 157                 | 162                 | 162                 | 156                 | 157                 | 156                 | 182                  |

The HSE acknowledges the ongoing demand for home support services and continues to monitor and manage access in line with available resources and person-centred care planning. Efforts are ongoing to improve access and expand capacity where possible, while also supporting individuals at home or in interim settings as appropriate.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.



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