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To ask the Minister for Health the number of people in each of the past five years who have been discharged from nursing homes; the proportion of same who were recipients of fair deal supports and for a breakdown of the reasons for these discharges, in tabular form. -Ivana Bacik

Dear Deputy Bacik,

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

Details of the number of discharged Nursing Homes Support Scheme (NHSS) funded clients from nursing homes in the years 2019 to 2024 inclusive, are attached to **Appendix 1.**

Please note that this data refers to NHSS funded residents only at public, voluntary & private NHSS funded nursing homes. This office does not retain details in relation to non NHSS funded residents at those nursing homes.

I trust that this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

Ultan Hynes

Head of Service – Nursing Homes Support Scheme

Appendix 1

Summary of Discharges of NHSS Clients for the period 2020-2024							
	Year	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Discharge Reason							
RIP		7,553	7,190	7,175	7,249	7,213	36,380
Other*		1,123	1,170	1,441	1,564	1,788	7,086
Total		8,676	8,360	8,616	8,813	9,001	43,466

^{*} Other Category contains the following Discharge Reasons:

Transferred to other nursing home

Home

Transfer to acute sector

Transfer to Disability/Mental Health Services