

Brief Analysis on HSE Performance Data Report

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Social Care - Older Persons

- Increase in overall home care provision welcome but any extra resources have not kept pace with population growth.
- Current publically available data limits ability to accurately assess overall hours of home care provided.
- Waiting lists for home care continue to rise. Up 7% YOY at 5,323.
- Small shift towards home care provision away from nursing home care evident and welcome.
- All additional resourcing seems to be going to Home Care Packages, whilst Home Help provision continues it's downwards trajectory.
- Progress reported in Integrated Care Programme (Frail Older People)
- Providers report increased difficulty in getting suitable home care staff.
- We suggest that more nuanced and helpful metrics in the area of Home Care could include;
i) Average length on waiting list; ii) Difference between objectively assessed level of need of home care (ie by health and social care professionals) v's level actually delivered.

Social Care - Disability

- Significant reduction Year on Year in Personal Assistant Hours (3%) and Home Care Support Hours (9%), but ahead of projected figures. Full explanation for variance would be welcome.

Mental Health

- Staffing figures up 1% but recruitment and retention difficulties reported.
- Model of Care for Specialist Mental Health Service for Older Person approved

Overall

- Budgetary overrun of year to date in hospitals of €180m (5.5%), compares to modest overrun in social care expenditure of 1.5% (€38m). Repeating annual tradition of hospitals significantly overspending their budget, whilst primary care is expected to keep on budget and remain the poor orphan.
- Impact of bringing forward public sector pay restoration significant WRT budgetary overrun.

Full report available to download from ;

<http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/performance-reports/July-September-2017-Performance-Report.pdf>

