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Deputy Catherine Connolly, Dáil Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

PQ 4602/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to the provision of occupational therapy reports furnished by the HSE to local authorities for housing adaptation grants; if the HSE provided the reports at no charge in the past; if the HSE is now charging for the provision of such reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Catherine Connolly

Dear Deputy Connolly,

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

There are varying approaches in relation to this across the HSE, which differ within each of the nine Community Health Organisations across the country.

In some areas -

- the local authorities source and fund these reports from private practitioners themselves
- HSE assess and where appropriate provide reports without charge

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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