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Deputy Burke,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

PQ 15941/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the progress of the review of the two proposed national procedures for allowances towards post-mastectomy products (prostheses and specialist bras), along with hair loss products initially published in February; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Colm Burke

Dear Deputy Burke,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 15941/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The budget and management of the provision of bras and prosthesis post cancer treatment and the allowances provided for Alopecia are functions that currently rest with each of the Community Healthcare Organisations (CHOs).

The service improvement programme for Community Funded Schemes continues to review processes with existing provisions remaining the same at this time. The aim of the service improvement programme is to develop national evidence based standards, improved procedures and equity in the services available to our service users. A key consideration of this programme is that no one is at a financial loss due to procedures being implemented.

I trust this is of assistance.

Seán McArt

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