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Re: PQ7635 24 - To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a status update in relation to the commencement date and roll-out of the National Advisory Group for Provision of Post-Mastectomy Products, Community Funded Schemes Service Improvement Programme in CHO1; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Burke

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context enquiry regarding the above parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Chief Officer Community Healthcare Cavan Donegal Leitrim Sligo Monaghan for response.

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position for Community Healthcare Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan Sligo.

The Community Funded Scheme service improvement programme recently published two new national procedures for the provision of an allowance for cancer treatment related hair loss and post mastectomy products.

However, we have been advised by the Chief Executive Officer of the HSE that these national procedures are not to be implemented by the CHOs until further notice.

Meanwhile, each CHO will continue to provide existing contributions.

I trust that this is of assistance, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

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