

5th March, 2024

Mr. Colm Burke, T.D.,
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“To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a status update in relation to the commencement date and rollout of the National Advisory Group for Provision of Post-Mastectomy Products, Community Funded Schemes Service Improvement Programme in CHO4; 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 of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Community Funded Scheme service improvement programme published two new national procedures for the provision of an allowance for cancer treatment related hair loss and post mastectomy products on the 31st January 2024. The purpose of the procedure was to standardise provision across the country including universal eligibility, simplified process and greater choice for service users.

The Minister has instructed that the procedures are reviewed to ensure no one, either currently availing of the scheme or accessing it in the future, is at any financial loss as a result of these changes. In that regard the implementation of the procedure is now on hold and we continue to work to local policies in place.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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