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Mr. Michael Fitzmaurice T.D.  
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**RE: PQ 3517/24**

**"To ask the Minister for Health why the HSE ceased providing swimwear for breast cancer patients in Galway and Roscommon only; and if he will make a statement on the matter"**

Dear Deputy Fitzmaurice

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The current policy in Community Healthcare West on the provision of post mastectomy products from 6th November, 2023 is outlined below

- Maximum €70 per mastectomy bra (2 allowable per year)
- Maximum €200 per prosthesis (1 allowable every 2 years)
- Total per application is €340\* (€530 in the case of bilateral mastectomy)
- Post mastectomy swimwear can be purchased if this is the preference of the service user. however the overall financial contribution available cannot exceed €340 (€530 bilateral mastectomy).

Post mastectomy swimwear can be considered for approval as part of the initial application to Community Care providing the overall cost does not exceed €340 (€530 bilateral mastectomy). This is applicable to applicants who reside in Galway, and Roscommon.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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