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Deputy Hourigan,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 25315/24 - To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce a re-use system for wheelchairs; and if he will make a statement on the matter

-Neasa Hourigan

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 25315/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

In respect of wheelchairs that are supplied to service users, it is the policy and practice of the HSE that once an individual's need for the particular piece of equipment ends, that this equipment is returned, either by service users to their local health service, or arrangements are made to have the equipment collected. Returned equipment is then safety checked, cleaned and refurbished for use by other service users. Each item is reviewed and safety checked and those that no longer meet the requirements, or prove uneconomic to refurbish, have their component parts recycled.

I trust this is of assistance.

Seán McArt

General Manager

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