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Deputy Troy,  
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**PQ 23001/24 To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 564 of 14 May 2024, to outline any financial assistance available to patients dependant on oxygen tanks, especially towards the purchase of the cylinders of oxygen.**

**-Robert Troy**

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Dear Deputy Troy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 23001/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Health Service Executive (HSE) provides a wide range of medical and surgical aids and appliances, free of charge to eligible persons following assessment by a relevant health professional. Persons are eligible for provision of prescribed home oxygen supplies where they are in receipt of a medical card.

The Drug Payment Scheme (DPS) ensures that no individual or family pays more than €80 a month towards the cost of approved prescribed medicines, including rental costs for oxygen. The DPS significantly reduces the cost burden for families and individuals with ongoing expenditure on medicines who are not eligible for a medical card.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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