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**PQ 34561/24 To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the frequency with which the aids and appliances list for assistive technology updated; the date this will next be updated; and the persons or body involved in this process.**

**- Pauline Tully**

Dear Deputy Tully,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 34561/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for response.

Digital assistive technology is broadly provided through three sectors:

- Health: necessary aids and appliances are supplied via the HSE Community Funded Schemes
- Education: necessary supports are provided through the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) Technical Aid Grant.
- Employment/Social Protection: necessary supports are provided via the Workplace Equipment Adaptation Grant.

The HSE has a list of aids and appliances available and sets out clear prescribing criteria to assist prescribers in evidence based decision making and is available from the following webpage:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/2/primarycare/community-funded-schemes/aids-and-appliances/national-list-of-hse-community-funded-aids-and-appliances-and-prescribing-criteria1.pdf>

This list is currently being reviewed and updated. The Community Funded Schemes Service Improvement Programme will be responsible for same.

I trust this is of assistance.

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