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

PQ 34863/24 To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE provides a grant for car safety harnesses for children with disabilities, such as autism; if so, is the Minister aware of any discrepancies in this grant being awarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Duncan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 34863/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Aids and Appliances are prescribed for individual service users by HSE healthcare professionals, based on a clinical assessment that the particular product will meet a particular health need. They are provided to eligible service users in line with the established processes and procedures that are in place in the local health areas. Items provided are ordered by the healthcare professionals and provided either directly by the HSE or through contracted suppliers.

Under existing national legislation, the HSE is not authorized to provide grants for medical equipment such as car safety harnesses or other devices.

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>

I trust this is of assistance.

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