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Mr. Robert Troy T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 53678/19

To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that CHO8 has taken a decision not to cover annual leave home help; his views on same; and if the decision will be reversed - Robert Troy.

Dear Deputy Troy,

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 outline the position as follows.

All clients have been advised that the HSE may not be in a position to provide holiday cover for carers. However we will prioritise those clients who are most in need of the service to ensure that in so far as is possible we continue to provide services to them during holiday periods.

The CHO is obliged to provide services within its budget allocation and regrettably it will not be possible in all cases to cover annual leave however we will always advise our clients when we are unable to provide holiday relief.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett
Chief Officer CHO Area 8