



**Eamon O'Cuiv TD**  
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**PQ 14103/20**

**“To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE universal guidelines on bras, prostheses and wigs will be published; the funding to be allocated for the implementation of the guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Éamon Ó Cuív”**

Dear Deputy O'Cuiv,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 14103/20), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I can confirm that bras, prostheses and wigs are available through the General Medical Services scheme in all counties but the provision of these items is not standardised across the country. The Aids and Appliances work stream of the Community Funding Scheme Service Improvement Program developed a draft new guideline for the provision of these items which was submitted to the governance group in March 2020 but this work had to be put on hold due to COVID-19.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Siobhán Mc Ardle'.

**Siobhán Mc Ardle**  
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