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To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken by the HSE to inform retailers of wigs and hairpieces of the additional headwear grant available to medical card holders that cannot attend wig fittings during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Éamon Ó Cuív

Dear Deputy Ó Cuív,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 10102/20), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The Health Service Executive recognises that the Covid-19 pandemic has created added difficulty for cancer patients including the absence of a facility for wig fittings. To address this difficulty the Health Service Executive has put in place a temporary measure whereby each client affected by the absence of wig fittings is being provided with additional funding of €80 to facilitate the purchase of up to two pieces of headwear. As the Health Service Executive has no direct relationship with retailers of wigs and hairpieces it has not communicated directly with retailers about the temporary measure. However any retailer who contacts the Health Service Executive is provided with the relevant information. The Health Service Executive has also liaised with the Irish Cancer Society and information about the temporary measure is on their website.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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