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Deputy Pauline Tully Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

4th November 2020

PQ 32259/20 - "To ask the Minister for Health if there is a service available here that provides medical alert dogs to sufferers of epilepsy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -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 (Reference 31848/20), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The is currently not service that provides medical alerts dogs to suffers of Epilepsy in the Republic of Ireland. In the past any medical alert dogs for Epilepsy used in the community have been privately funded.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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