



Peadar Toibin, T.D.
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ: 5004/21

To ask the Minister for Health if persons from the Republic of Ireland currently staying in Northern Ireland and unable to return home due to Covid-19 travel restrictions can have their GMS prescription costs in Northern Ireland reimbursed by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Peadar Tóibín.

Dear Deputy Toibin,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 5004/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Costs of medications provided in other jurisdictions such as Northern Ireland are not reimbursed by the HSE. There are emergency provisions available within Northern Ireland for patients from the Republic of Ireland that allows for medications to be provided free of charge in these types of situations. Patients can seek to identify the arrangements in place with the community pharmacy they attend in Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Doyle'.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service