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PQ: 23403/21

**To ask the Minister for Health the reason the medicine toilex for young children with bowel issues is no longer being approved for use (details supplied); when a suitable replacement will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Róisín Shortall**

Dear Deputy Shortall,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 23403/21), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Toilax is not on the formal GMS Reimbursement List. However, the product has been approved on an individual patient basis through Discretionary Hardship Arrangements. Pharmacies have recently been unable to source the product as it is now discontinued. Therefore, the HSE has approved alternative therapies prescribed for these patients through these arrangements

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Doyle', written over a horizontal line.

Suzanne Doyle  
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