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Deputy Niamh Smyth TD,  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin

**Re: PQ ref 57055/21**

Dear Deputy Smyth

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

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position

When a person is issued with an assistive piece of equipment that requires charging from the OT service, all service users are advised that they should register with their Electrical Supplier that they have medical equipment that requires a power source. This will ensure they are prioritised in the event of a power outage.

The hoist in question will hold enough charge for 12 lifts, which is hoped will cover the period of time it would take to have power restored.

In relation to the stair lift, this was a private installation and the client should enquire as to how many days charge there is for same.

The pressure relieving mattress has a mechanism that can be used in the event of a power outage, to prevent deflation.

To alleviate the clients concerns raised, the Occupational Therapist involved in this case will contact the service user, and will ensure all relevant PCT members have a discussion in relation to the equipment issued by their service.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dermot".

Dermot Monaghan,  
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