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Deputy Peadar Tóibín Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

PQ 19910/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the reason PPE is no longer provided by HSE primary care centres to family carers while Covid is still in the community; and if he plans to reverse this decision for those on low income.

- Peadar Tóibín

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 19910/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can advise that from a national perspective, we are not aware of any changes in the provision of PPE across CHO areas. In some areas, PPE is not routinely provided to family carers. However, if a family carer requested PPE e.g. gloves, each case would be assessed individually.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Seán McArt

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