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Deputy O'Sullivan ,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 61171/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the regulations regarding the provision of sanitary wear and nappies for children over three years of age that have a disability that necessitates frequent nappy changes; if there are restrictions on the supply of nappies; and if he will make a statement on the matter**

**- Pdraig O'Sullivan**

Dear Deputy O'Sullivan,

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

The provision of continence products to eligible service users (including children), is fundamentally based upon an assessed clinical need and prescription by the appropriate healthcare professional (usually a continence advisor). It is following a clinical assessment that the healthcare professional is in a position to determine the particular product/s and the amount of same that the individual service user's particular situation requires. These assessments are governed by the national guidelines for promotion of continence care and provision of continence products to children and young people. Further to the individual service user having eligibility as set out in the health act, and having a prescription for the particular continence products from an appropriate healthcare professional, there are no other restrictions in regards to the provision of these items.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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