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Leinster House,
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PQ: 35680/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of Irish patients who currently have their continuous positive airway pressure device rental covered under the medical card scheme; the current expenditure on respiratory sleep therapy services through this scheme in each of the years 2017 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter.-Cian O'Callaghan

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 35680/22), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The CPAP monthly rental and mask costs are refundable under the Drugs Payment Scheme through the PCRS. However, refunds are not issued for patients under the GMS scheme therefore the number of patients and associated expenditure for CPAP cannot be provided by the PCRS.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Suzanne Doyle'.

Suzanne Doyle
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