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Deputy Lowry,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 59171/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for aids and appliances for those under 18 years of age in each health area; and if he will make a statement on the matter

- Michael Lowry

Dear Deputy Lowry,

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.

Aids and Appliances refers to literally thousands of different products and pieces of equipment that are provided by the HSE to hundreds of thousands of service users, who are living in their communities with a great diversity of medical conditions. Many items are stock items and once prescribed by a healthcare professional, there are minimal delays in their provision to the individual service user. Other items are bespoke, complex, and expensive. There can be a considerable time period between their recommendation and delivery to the individual that can arise due to a number of factors. These include time for assessment and prioritisation, available budgets, manufacturing time, and shipping times.

Unfortunately, we do not collect data on aids and appliances waiting times for those under 18 years of age in each health area.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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