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Deputy Sean Sherlock,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 50937/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the amount that has been drawn down in each CHO for equipment for children to date in 2022, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 50937/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Financial data for aids and appliances is not currently maintained disaggregated by age cohorts therefore it is not possible to determine the amount drawn down for equipment specifically for children. To date, the total aids and appliances spend for 2022 across all Community Health Organisations (CHOs) has amounted to almost €77m.

All CHOs currently have a written policy for resource allocation within their area. These policies are generally not specific to children, but rather the population as a whole. Each decision is based on a clinical priority scoring mechanism and the available budget. Low cost items and stock items tend to be provided as requested.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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