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Deputy Catherine Murphy, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

PQ 51863/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the locations nationwide in which hearing aids and related items can be repaired.

- Catherine Murphy

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 51863/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

All HSE Community Audiology Services provide the option to book an appointment for repairs, if the hearing aids require investigation or refurbishment by an engineer. Hearing aids which require refurbishment or repair are sent to the National Repair Service.

Further information relating to the location of audiology centres nationwide can be found on the HSE website: <a href="https://www2.hse.ie/services/audiology/audiology-centres-across-ireland.html">https://www2.hse.ie/services/audiology/audiology-centres-across-ireland.html</a>

Additionally, CHIME (<a href="https://www.chime.ie/">https://www.chime.ie/</a>), offers basic maintenance of hearing aids, such as cleaning and retubing of ear moulds. Alternatively, many patients choose to self-manage their hearing aids, and in these cases, the HSE provides spare tubing etc. as necessary.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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