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Deputy Holly Cairns,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 43801/22 – To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking in response to issues raised concerning access to prosthetics by an organisation (details supplied); including the cost that individuals have to pay.

- Holly Cairns

Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 43801/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Community Funded Schemes is a collective name for all of the many products, supports, supplies, appliances and aids that are provided through community services. There are a variety of products and services provided under the schemes. These products and services play a key role in assisting and supporting service users to maintain every day functioning, to remain living in their homes and local community. They also avoid the need for a hospital presentation or admission whilst also facilitating early discharge from hospital back into the community.

The Health Service offers a range of services at both community and acute hospital levels, which are available to individuals who require prosthetics. Access is based on a number of criteria including clinical need and eligibility, as outlined in the Health Act 1970.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Seán McArt



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