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PQ44061/22* *“To ask the Minister for Health if immunocompromised patients can access evusheld in another European Union country under the treatment abroad scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*


Dear Deputy Shortall,

Thank you for your parliamentary question above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

In the absence of a fully completed application or details of a specific case, I regret I cannot provide a definitive answer to the query. In general the Treatment Abroad Scheme (TAS) provides for approval of funding in respect of a proven treatment that is not available in Ireland. The TAS may not be used to access drug therapies in another EU/EEA country, the UK or Switzerland. Drug therapies are funded in Ireland under specific protocols and access e.g. the High Tech Drug Scheme. There is a specific protocol in the HSE for consultants to seek access to high tech drug therapies for their patients.

If you have any queries, or would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0872668759 or via catherinet.donohoe@hse.ie.

Yours sincerely,


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