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Deputy Jennifer Whitmore,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 45457/22 – To ask the Minister for Health if children with medically complex needs have to choose between a specially-adapted seat over a specialised bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Jennifer Whitmore

Dear Deputy Whitmore,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 45457/22) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

There are a variety of aids and appliances provided through our community funded schemes and these products play a key role in assisting and supporting service users to maintain every day functioning. Supply of aids and appliances usually involves a qualified health care professional assessing an individual's needs and making a clinical recommendation on the supports required to enhance their daily living. Decisions relating to the approval of aids and appliances are based on a number of criteria including clinical need, demand, General Medical Service's eligibility, compassionate grounds, LTI eligibility, priority listing, resource availability or a combination of these criteria. In general, the eligibility for aids and appliances conforms to those for other health services, and were set out in the Health Act 1970.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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