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To ask the Minister for Health his plans, if any, to extend the provision of free condoms to all persons under 25 years, regardless of gender, as part of the State's existing free contraceptives scheme; the estimated cost to the Exchequer of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Deputy Nash,

The Minister in his response to the Deputy asked the HSE to answer further is regard to the National Condom Distribution (NCDS) Scheme, which is funded under the overall budget of the HSE Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme.

In 2022, €119, 237 incl. VAT has been spent on purchasing condoms and lubricant for the scheme.

For more information on the NCDS, please see here: <https://sexualwellbeing.ie/for-professionals/national-condom-distribution-service/>

To review the 2021 activity report for the NCDS, please see here: https://sexualwellbeing.ie/for-professionals/research/research-reports/ncds-2021_final.pdf

Yours Sincerely,

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