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Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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PQ: 8810/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical card applications under MC1(b) for any child under 18 years with a diagnosis of cancer within the past five years from 2019 to date; when the terms of this medical card lapse: the supports that are in place to cover the costs of medical treatment for adult survivors of childhood cancer, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Éamon Ó Cuív

Dear Deputy Ó Cuív,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (Reference 8810/23), which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Medical card eligibility for Children aged under 18 with a Cancer diagnosis is granted for 60 months from the date of diagnosis, provided the diagnosis is confirmed by a GP or the treating Consultant prior to the child turning 18. To date, 379 medical cards have been issued to this cohort since 2019.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Suzanne Doyle'.

Suzanne Doyle
Primary Care Eligibility & Reimbursement Service