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## RE PQ 9774/23

## Question

To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (Minister it has been highlighted to me that the type of incontinent pads that are used in nursing homes are being changed and pull ups are no longer being used. Minister I presume this is something to do with cost but surely a persons dignity is something you cannot put a price on, When a person is mobile and walking around then a pull up version is an easier option for them and less embarrassing to wear under your own clothes so the clients should have access to them if they are suitable for them to use); and if he will make a statement on the matter

## Response

Deputy Michael Healy-Rae,

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

This is not an issue for Procurement. This is purely a clinical decision and should be referred to the Nursing Home section for comment.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Head of Procurement on (01) 635 2688 or via john.swords@hse.ie

Yours sincerely,

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