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Deputy Holly Cairns,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 2428/23 – To ask the Minister for Health the details of the annual funding for the aids and appliances for persons who are blind or vision impaired in each CHO in the years 2020, 2021 and 2022

- Holly Cairns

Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you directly in the context of the above question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

The HSE provides aids and appliances to individual service users on the basis of an assessed need and not on the basis of an individual having a specific medical condition. These pieces of equipment and services play an important role in assisting and supporting members of the community to maintain every day functioning, to remain living in their homes, and they make a valuable contribution to improving the quality of life of individuals living with a wide variety of medical conditions. Any particular piece of equipment is provided on the basis of this assessed clinical need, and the assessment that the particular equipment will meet the specific need and contribute to improving the quality of life of the individual service user.

As such, while we record the funding for aids and appliances, we do not record this funding by specific medical conditions and are not in a position to provide you with the information requested.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Seán McArt
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