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Deputy Richmond, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, **Kildare Street**, Dublin 2.

PQ 63860/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the way that those who qualify for free nappies for their children can access the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter

- Neale Richmond

Dear Deputy Richmond,

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 provision of continence products for both children and adults is based on a clinical need as assessed by an appropriate healthcare professional (e.g. incontinence advisor). Following a comprehensive clinical assessment and a determination of the individual service user's requirement for these products, they will be prescribed by the healthcare professional. Providing that the individual has eligibility (in line with the Health Act 1970), they will be provided with the required products. The healthcare professionals who are assessing and caring for the individual service user will be in a position to provide the details of the exact logistic and other procedures and processes that are in place in their local health area.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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