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Deputy Michael Ring T.D.,  
Dáil Eireann,  
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Dear Deputy Ring,

PQ Number: 32237/23

**To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the situation for private nursing homes with regard to the services that are provided to patients in public nursing homes but are not provided to patients in private nursing homes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter**

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

A Private Nursing Home is expected to provide basic Aids and Appliances necessary to assist a person with the activities of daily living as part of funding provided under the Nursing Home Support Scheme. The HSE supplies aids & appliances for a person's specific use. Such appliances are not provided in bulk for general use by a facility but rather as prescribed, on a named client basis.

Eligibility for all services, which include Primary Care, is set out in the Health Act 1970. This is not dependant on where the person resides so eligibility is the same for residents in public and private nursing homes.

I trust that this clarifies the matter.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ultan Hynes".

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**Ultan Hynes**  
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