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Deputy Burke,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

PQ 33176/23 -To ask the Minister for Health when the national guidelines in respect of wigs/hairpieces and post-mastectomy products will be published; the funding to be allocated for the implementation of the guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Colm Burke

Dear Deputy Burke,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 33176/23) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Community Primarycare is presently reviewing the procedure for the provision of wigs/hairpieces for service users who have experienced hair loss secondary to treatment for cancer. The objective of this review is to introduce a national evidence based standard, simplified procedures, and equity for people no matter where they reside in the country. We are also undertaking a review of the procedures for the provision of Post-Mastectomy Products. The development of both of these new procedures are at an advanced stage and the expectation is that they will be completed by October 2023. These are a revision of existing procedures and as such, no specific funding is required for their roll-out

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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