



Mr Duncan Smith TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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28th July 2023

PQ 33710/23 – “To ask the Minister for Health if the budget for medical aids and equipment for children is ring-fenced within CHO9; if he will provide figures on the breakdown of difference types of aids/equipment, for example wheelchairs and walkers provided in CHO9 between 1 January 2022 and 30 June 2023.” – **Duncan Smith TD**

Dear Deputy Smith

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) Aids and Appliances team advise that the budget for children is not ring-fenced.

The following outlines CHO DNCC expenditure for adults and children during 2022 and year to date (to 30th June 2023):

Aids and appliances expenditure	2023 (to 30th June)	2022
Purchase of Medical Equipment	€2,431,027	€1,735,371
Repairs to Medical Equipment	€198,501	€432,496
Rental Of Medical Equipment	€2,047,073	€5,187,270
Maintenance of Medical Equipment	€140,502	€283,931
Ophthalmic Appliances	€77,544	€120,964
Medical & Surgical Appliances	€1,476,597	€4,966,447
Callipers/Boots	€1,318	€12,682
Ostomy Appliances	€1,318	€1,859
Beds/Hoists/Aids	€822,949	€1,492,352
Commodes	€40,751	€95,730
Wheelchairs	€1,359,930	€2,434,047
Nebulisers	€59,212	€125,434
Prosthetic Appliances	€383,692	€222,184
Medical & Surgical Consumables	€239,751	€392,222
Aids & Appliances - Recycling	€243,036	€582,274
Aids & Appliances-Collection & Delivery	€223,643	€544,995
Communication Aids	€40,090	€63,464
Aids & Appliances-Storage	€5,680	€21,337
Aids and Appliances Repairs	€132,059	€276,004
Hearing Aid Accessories	€0	-€136
Total Euro	€9,924,673	€18,990,927

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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