

23rd June, 2023

Mr. Thomas Gould, T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 27797/23**

**"To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications currently being assessed by the CHO4 Resource Allocation Group."**

Dear Deputy Gould,

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

The HSE Resource Allocation Group (RAG) committee in CHO 4 have received 3,135 applications for aids and appliances between Jan – May 2023 of which 2,394 have been approved and 455 remain waitlisted across Cork and Kerry.

Applications for HSE Resource Allocation Group (RAG) may be made via a prescribing therapist or nurse based on clinical assessment of the service user. Following complete clinical assessment prescriptions are submitted to Resource Allocation Group (RAG) for consideration at the next RAG meeting. The HSE Resource Allocation Group (RAG) usually meets monthly and all Medical and Surgical Aid and Appliance prescriptions (new and waitlisted) presented to the group continue to be reviewed. Funding, which is finite, is allocated to purchase items that are identified as highest priority taking all the circumstances of each individual concerned into account. The HSE are only in a position to purchase equipment within available resources and clinical demands on the budget remain high.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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