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Deputy Duncan Smith
Dáil Eireann
Dublin 2

Dear Deputy Smith

I refer to your below parliamentary question which has been forwarded to me for attention. Firstly, please accept my apologies for the delay in issuing a response.

PQ 11357/23: To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the provision of a chest-bracing service for children under the public healthcare system as of March 2023; when he expects the HSE National Service Plan 2023 to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Children's Health Ireland (CHI) Response:

Pectus Carinatum bracing is considered to be a cosmetic treatment and is currently not funded by the HSE in Ireland. It should be noted that none of the health insurance companies in Ireland fund pectus bracing.

There is no service and any new service would require new funding and a detailed business case to include resources to staff the service.

Yours sincerely

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