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Deputy Catherine Murphy,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 13857/23 - To ask the Minister for Health if the copper coil is covered under the free contraception programme; if not, the decision making process that led to it not being included; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Catherine Murphy

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The HSE launched the Free Contraception Service Scheme in September 2022 to provide oral, long-acting and emergency contraception for women and people aged 17-25, who are ordinarily resident in the State. The scheme was further extended to 26 year olds in January 2023.

The 'IUB Ballerine' is currently available free of charge under this scheme and this device was added to the reimbursement list on 1st January 2023. It is anticipated that some other Copper Coils may be added in the coming months. In the interim, if an eligible woman purchases a copper coil herself that is not currently on the Reimbursement List, the GP / entity provider will fit or remove the device free of charge.

I trust this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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