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Deputy Seán Canney,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2.

**Re PQ 14970/23 - To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he will support an urgent matter. Can you advise and support the family of a young Downs Syndrome adult who is blind, in how to access a guide dog for the blind, any contact details and the process. Adult under the care of Prosper Meath Services in Co. Meath – Seán Canney**

Dear Deputy Canney,

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 Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

Please find attached the application form and supporting information from the Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind in respect of accessing a guide dog.

For further information on accessing a guide dog, the following contact details are available:

- [www.guidedogs.ie](http://www.guidedogs.ie)
- lo-call 1850 506 300.
- Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind, National Headquarters & Training Centre, Model Farm Road, Cork City.
- Email: [info@guidedogs.ie](mailto:info@guidedogs.ie)

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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Acting Chief Officer  
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**Appendix: Application Form & supporting information**