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Deputy Paul Kehoe T.D.,  
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Kildare Street,  
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6<sup>th</sup> of June 2023

Dear Deputy Kehoe,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

**PQ Number: 24848/23**

**PQ Question: To ask the Minister for Health if a resident in a nursing home is entitled to receive a pressure reducing mattress via HSE funding rather than paying out of their own pocket; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

A Private Nursing Home is expected to provide basic Aids and Appliances necessary to assist a person with the activities of daily living as part of funding provided under the Nursing Home Support Scheme. The HSE supplies aids & appliances for a person's specific use. Such appliances are not provided in bulk for general use by a facility but rather as prescribed, on a named client basis.

Eligibility for all services, which include Primary Care, is set out in the Health Act 1970. This is not dependant on where the person resides so eligibility is the same for residents in Public and Private Nursing Homes.

I hope this clarifies the position.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ultan Hynes".

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**Ultan Hynes**  
**Head of Service – Nursing Homes Support Scheme**