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Deputy Tully,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 34560/24 To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the amount allocated in the budget for assistive technology in each of the years 2020 to 2024, inclusive; and the amount allocated to each CHO area for assistive technology in each of those years.

- Pauline Tully

Dear Deputy Tully,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 34560/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for response.

Digital assistive technology is broadly provided through three sectors:

- Health: necessary aids and appliances are supplied via the HSE Community Funded Schemes
- Education: necessary supports are provided through the National Council for Special Education (NCSE) Technical Aid Grant.
- Employment/Social Protection: necessary supports are provided via the Workplace Equipment Adaptation Grant.

The budget and management of Community Funded Schemes is devolved to the local Community Healthcare Organisations (CHOs) and as such, they have their own processes in place for the management of these products and services. The HSE does not nationally collate the information requested in the manner you have set out above.

I trust this is of assistance.

Seán McArt

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