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Deputy Rice,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 8470/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the percentage split of paediatric home care service provision between direct and indirect delivery.

- Pdraig Rice

Dear Deputy Rice,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 8470/25) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Paediatric Home Care Packages (PHCP) are a home nursing service provided by HSE Primary Care when a child has complex healthcare nursing needs that cannot be met by existing Primary Care and social services. They are put in place to enable families to care for their CCHN (Children with Complex Healthcare Needs) at home. This service is delivered to CCHNs who are children who have substantial healthcare needs as a result of one or more congenital, acquired or chronic conditions and who have functional limitations that often require technology assistance and ongoing nursing care primarily to support their parents to care for them at home.

This service which is demand led is funded by HSE Primary Care and is delivered via service arrangements with a preferred private healthcare provider tasked to deliver nursing care in the home environment to CCHN. The HSE itself does not directly deliver nursing care as all PHCP cases are delivered by the preferred private healthcare provider's model. PHCPs are child and family-centred and individualised to the child's needs.

I trust this is of assistance.

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