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Deputy Cullinane,
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Leinster House,
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PQ 28749/25 To ask the Minister for Health to advise on a matter raised in correspondence in relation to a grant allowance (details supplied). If a person has non cancer related hair loss, a valid medical card and doctors' letter what is the grant allowance and is it the same in each county of Ireland?

- David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 28749/25) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Currently, a person may be able to get help with the cost of a hairpiece, wig or hair replacement through:

- the HSE, if hair loss was caused by cancer treatment
- PRSI contributions (the government's Treatment Benefit Scheme)
- Medical card, if a person does not qualify for the Treatment Benefit Scheme.

In most cases wigs and hair pieces for non-cancer related hair loss are provided via the Department of Social Protections Treatment Benefit Scheme. This scheme provides for a €500 grant towards cost of hairpiece, wig or hair replacement. This requires 39 PRSI contributions for those under 29 years of age or 260 contributions for those aged over 29. Please refer to the Treatment Benefit Scheme website for further details on qualification criteria; <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-social-protection/services/treatment-benefit-scheme/>.

Should a person not qualify under the Treatment Benefit Scheme and hold a valid medical card they may apply to the HSE for the cost of a wig or hair piece. This is reviewed on an individual basis in line with local policy but is generally capped at the Treatment Benefit Scheme rate of €500.

I include a link below to the HSE website that outlines information with regards hairloss:

<https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/hair-loss/>



I trust this is of assistance.

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