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PQ 12540/19

To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that there are adequate bus services in place in counties Carlow and Kilkenny to assist parents in transporting children and adult children with special needs to adult day services; if the possibility of a provision of further funding for additional bus capacity in areas in which there is a waiting list of persons seeking to avail of existing bus transport to adult day services which is at maximum capacity will be investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Aylward

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

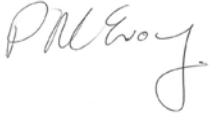
I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

While there is no statutory basis for the provision of non-emergency patient transport by the HSE disability service, we endeavour to support the services in providing transport for service users.

The Disability Services in South East Community Healthcare (SECH) continue to escalate as appropriate the issues of additional costs in relation to transport for disability service users. The HSE Disability Services provide funding (subject to funding availability and service priorities) to agencies/services mainly residential and respite services, to support them to purchase an appropriate vehicle to meet their needs for transporting clients. In the SECH we are aware of the aging fleets within all services and this need was submitted for consideration as part of the HSE estimate process for 2019.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'PMcEvoy', written in black ink.

Patricia McEvoy
General Manager, Disability Service- South East Community Healthcare