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Minister of State at the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport
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“To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided for a defibrillator to a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details Supplied: Caherleaheen N.S., Tralee, Co. Kerry. There are currently three students under the age of 7 with heart conditions attending this school.

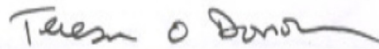
Dear Minister Griffin,

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

It is not the policy of the HSE to fund Automated External Defibrillators (AED) in non-HSE facilities. Safe governance requires management of the facility using the equipment to purchase and maintain the equipment and train individuals in its use. The Irish Heart Foundation should be able to provide guidance to the school Board of Management in this regard.

I regret that I cannot be of any further assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



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