



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

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PQ 42452/20 *To ask the Minister for Health the support and resources that will be provided regarding patient transport to and from each setting in circumstances in which a public hospital is considering moving an outpatient department to a facility that is not on site.*

Dear Deputy Clarke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE Policy on the provision of non-emergency patient transport is set out at <http://www.nationalambulance.ie/aboutnationalambulance/Policies-and-Procedures/NASPO02-Non-Ambulance-Patient-Transport-Services-Policy1.pdf>

Hospitals make provision for access to non-emergency transport on a case by case basis and it is suggested patients requiring support in this regard make direct contact with their local Hospital. Where outpatient services are moved to alternative locations due regard is given to access to public transport and car parking to support ease of attendance by the public.

If the Deputy has a query regarding any specific sites I am happy to seek further details.

I trust that this is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

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