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Re: PQ 43060/20

Question: To ask the Minister for Health if there are supports for low income persons or households for transport to hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred to the Health Service Executive for direct response.

There is no statutory requirement for the Health Service Executive (HSE) to provide patient transport services and there are no specific resources provided to the HSE to provide supports for low income persons or households for transport to hospitals. We understand that there may be supports provided by the Department of Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands for those receiving illness benefit and in that regard you may wish to follow this matter up with that Department.

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

Yours sincerely,

**Assistant National Director
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