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16th June, 2020

Deputy Pa Daly, TD,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare St, Dublin 2

PQ Number: 9119/20

Dear Deputy Daly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) – South (Cork & Kerry) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this office for response.

PQ: To ask the Minister for Health if the taxi transfer contract attached to University Hospital Kerry and awarded to a company (details supplied) has been terminated; if the hospital management requested as part of that contract that the dialysis unit in the hospital taxi transfers be awarded to a specific third party due to the complex nature of transferring dialysis patients; and if a new tendering process will now take place - Pa Daly. -Pa Daly

A tender process was undertaken in early 2019 by the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) and the HSE with regard to a Taxi service for HSE requirements within County Kerry (Hospital and Community services where applicable). The successful bid was by My Taxi (now called Free now) and this contract commenced with UHK on 4th March 2019. Following some contractual issues with My Taxi/Free Now was given notice of termination in January 2020 and the contract was terminated on the 6th April 2020. The contract was then awarded to the next highest scoring tenderer in the sub lot on the basis of the same terms as it was within the tender validity period. This contract will run until 5th April, 2023.

I trust this response is to your satisfaction; should you have any further queries however, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Fearghal Grimes
General Manager
University Hospital Kerry