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Deputy Niamh Smyth,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 6664/21 - To ask the Minister for Health if he will review charges for service users (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details Supplied: €4 PER DAY charge for service users to attend day services via bus

-Niamh Smyth

Dear Deputy Smyth,

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

With regard to Mental Health Services, this query has been raised with a finance partner and there was no noted daily charge of €4.

With Regards to Older Persons and Disability Services, practise differs between each of the nine Community Health Organisations. This could be for a number of reasons, including for example funding arrangements with local Section 38 and Section 39 Service Providers, or differences between Day Care Services accessibility to different types of transport (taxis, private buses, private ambulances etc.) With specific regard to Older Persons Services, a charge is levied for persons availing of Transport to Day Care Centres which is standard practice throughout the HSE.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Yvonne O'Neill,
Interim National Director,
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