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Deputy Mark Ward TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re PQ 44960 20: *To ask the Minister for Health the cost in 2020 in transporting patients record across health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Ward,

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. Your PQ above has been referred to me for response.

I regret to inform you that the amount spent on the transport of patient records is not separately identifiable. Such costs are not separately captured in the HSE financial ledgers.

Patient records are not routinely transported but may be in exceptional circumstances, for example, where an urgent patient safety issue arises.

The shortcomings in the HSE legacy financial systems are well acknowledged and their replacement by a single standard financial system for the Health Sector is at the core of the Finance Reform programme initiated by the Department of Health.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at sarah.anderson1@hse.ie or tel: 087 9423319.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah Anderson".

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