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Deputy David Cullinane,  
Dáil Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ 13356/20 - To ask the Minister for Health the CHO areas in which attendees at day services are being charged for transport costs; the number of persons being charged; the estimated costs charged and revenue raised each month; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

**-David Cullinane**

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Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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.

The practice of charging transport costs for attendees at day services differs in 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 accessibility to different types of transport (taxis, private buses, private ambulances etc.) for day service providers, and the distance from home to the individual day service.

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.

As a result of different methods of collating data across the areas, the information requested with regard to the number of persons being charged, estimated costs charged, and revenue raised each month, is not available and therefore we are not in a position to provide the information in the format requested.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Yvonne O'Neill', written over a faint horizontal line.

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Yvonne O'Neill,  
Interim National Director,  
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