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Deputy Danny Healy-Rae Dáil Éireann, Dublin 2

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"To ask the Minister for Health the grants or funding available via the HSE for a group that wishes to set up a meals on wheels service in an area of County Kerry in which there is currently no service available; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question which was submitted to this department for response.

There are currently 35 Meals on Wheels Services operating throughout Co. Kerry that are being supported by the HSE. Client contributions form part of their funding and many of these services carry out voluntary fundraising and seek other grant funding also.

Many of these Meals on Wheels services are provided by Community Care organisations along with a range of other support services.

Organisations can apply for HSE funding by completing a Section 39 application. As part of the application review process the governance capacity of the organisation is considered and an assessment of need for the service being applied for.

The group can contact Cork Kerry Community Healthcare, Health Service Executive, Rathass, Tralee, Co Kerry, Eircode: Y92YA25 Ph. 066 7195635 for an application form.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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