



14th February 2023

Mr. Mattie McGrath TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 4235/23

To ask the Minister for Health the reason that transport is not provided to young adults with a disability attending a disability day services (details supplied); the facilities that are in place to provide supports where the lack of transport will lead to a person with disabilities being excluded from attending services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details Supplied: Brothers of Charity

Dear Deputy McGrath,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

I understand Rory recently completed the profiling process 18th January 2023 as he is due to leave school in 2023 and a Day Service location has not yet been identified. Ms. Browne is to visit the Brothers of Charity Services in Cashel, Clonmel and Cahir.

There is no statutory basis for the provision of non-emergency patient transport by HSE Disability Services. Funding was made available over the past number of years to service providers to fund the purchase of additional and replacement buses. However no new funding has been provided to the HSE for transport of individuals to and from Day Services.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Anne Ennis
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