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Mr. Cian O'Callaghan, TD Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

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PQ 44804/23 "To ask the Minister for Health the transport options that are available for older people in Dublin Bay North who wish to attend events specifically organised for older people in the area where they are unable to use public transport; whether she will address the lack of transport options available; and if he will make a statement on the matter." Cian O'Callaghan, TD

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In general, the Health Service Executive (HSE) does not provide transport services. However, I can advise Vantastic offer service to bring Older People to hospital appointments at a lower cost and provide a free local shopping transport service in the Dublin North Central Area and Fingal Area – further information may be found on Vantastic's website <u>https://vantastic.ie/</u>.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,

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