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Mr. John McGuinness T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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**PQ 17945/24**

**To ask the Minister for Health the status of the meals-on-wheels service operated by the HSE in Kilmoganny, County Kilkenny; if each recipient of the service has been consulted on the changes being considered; if alternative arrangements are being made to accommodate those that need the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

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.*

A recent Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point guideline review regarding the safe preparation and handling of food identified issues with food storage compliance. This required the process to become compliant and necessitated a change in practice that food therefore cannot be delivered by Health Care Assistants.

This has impacted 5 people of which 4 are in receipt of Home Support Services. All 5 people have made alternative plans following engagement with the HSE. It is understood that the clients are satisfied with the new arrangement.

I trust this clarifies. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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