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To ask the Minister for Health the travel options that may be available to an elderly patient travelling from Thurles, County Tipperary, to Croom, County Limerick for a rheumatology appointment, who has no other means of transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Jackie Cahill

Dear Deputy Cahill,

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.

There is no statutory requirement for the HSE to provide patient transport to outpatient appointments.

Rheumatology clinics take place at University Hospital Limerick, Croom Orthopaedic Hospital, Nenagh Hospital and Ennis Hospital.

If the patient referenced above would like to have their care transferred to Nenagh Hospital for convenience, please provide their name, address and date of birth and we will determine if they are suitable for care in Nenagh Hospital instead of Croom Orthopaedic Hospital.

I trust this clarifies the position, please contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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