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Shonagh NiRaghallaigh, TD
Houses of Oireachtas
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Ref: PQ/25/08711 – Meals on Wheels, Co Kildare

REP:

“To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the contract for the manufacturing of meals on wheels for the Athy area was advertised; the cost to the HSE prior to the outsourcing this per meal; the reason it was outsourced; and if she will make a statement on the matter”

“Shonagh NiRaghallaigh”

Response:

Dear Deputy NiRaghallaigh,

I wish to acknowledge your PQ in which the HSE is requested to respond directly to you by the Minister.

The Meals on Wheels service in the Athy area is being delivered by a Section 39 provider with an existing service arrangement with the HSE to provide meals on wheels in the Kildare area in line with the HSE Procurement principals.

There was limited capacity to expand the existing Meals on Wheels service to meet growing service user demand in the Athy and surrounding areas due to the existing kitchen infrastructure in St Vincent’s Hospital, Athy (SVHA). There are no current upgrade infrastructure kitchen works planned for SVHA as Phase II of the new CNU build in SVHA will include a new kitchen for this site.

Yours sincerely,

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