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PQ ref 41420/25

To ask the Minister for Health if there are any supports for a group of elderly residents in Lorrha, Co. Tipperary who attend the Portumna Social Services Day Centre in Galway. They require a door-to-door service, as many attendees' have limited mobility or require wheelchair access and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Meara

I refer to PQ ref 41420/25 uploaded on the PAD System on the 21st July, 2025 due for a response on the 12th August, 2025 regarding representation you made to the Minister of Health in respect of elderly residents in Lorrha, Co. Tipperary who attend the Portumna Social Services Day Centre and require door-to-door transport service. The HSE have been requested to apply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the current position.

I wish to advise that Portumna Social Services Day Centre is a voluntary service provider, and as such, the HSE is not involved in the provision of a transport service. We recommend that they contact TFI Local Link, which operates rural transport services under the management of the National Transport Authority and Transport for Ireland.

I trust this response addresses the matter you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

Des Mulligan Head of Service Older Peoples Services