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***PQ 34975/25 - To ask the Minister for Health if she plans to roll out hospital transport services for patients attending regular hospital appointments who are not cancer or dialysis patients. -Edward Timmins***

Dear Deputy Timmins,

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.

While there is no statutory requirement for the Health Service Executive (HSE) to provide patient transport services, it is important to state that persons in need of transport receive the same levels of support and access to services.

The budget and responsibility for patient transport rests with local budget holders and decision makers. Thus, arrangements are made at local level with consideration of specific factors.

The HSE structure has transitioned to Regional Health Areas with their own operational governance. At this time, the rollout of additional hospital transport, led at a national level; is not under consideration.

I trust this is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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