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Deputy Mark Wall
Dail Eireann
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Dear Deputy Wall,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Questions, which was submitted to this Department for response.

PQ Number: PQ 11710/25

To ask the Minister for Health if funding has been provided to a meals on wheels service in Kildare south (details supplied); if she has plans to increase funding to the service provider; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

PQ Number PQ 11709/25

To ask the Minister for Health to outline her Department's plans to develop future meals on wheels services in Kildare south; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Response

There are currently 317 Meals on Wheels Organisations in operation across the country delivering on average 239,000 meals monthly to approximately 19,000 clients monthly. These organisations are geographically located across 6 Regional Health Authorities (RHA's) funding to this service has increased each year (details below).

2022	2023	2024	2025
€3,500,000	€5,250,000	€6,250,000	€6,250,000

Community Refurbishment Programme

You may be aware that €10 million was allocated within the HSE Capital Plan in 2024 towards a community based package to support a refurbishment programme for some HSE Funded Older Persons Community Services. Under this initiative once off funding of €25,000 was allocated to Monestervin Meals on Wheels/Day Care Services to support the purchase of a mini bus.

Monestervin Meals on Wheels/Day Care will be moving to a newly refurbished building owned by the HSE very shortly, under a 3 year licence agreement. Under this agreement there will be no charge for the licence and HSE are paying utilities. When they move, the service will increase from two days to

three days and additional funding has been approved for them when they are operational for three days per week.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

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