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Deputy Martin Daly, T.D.,
Leinster House,
Kildare St.,
Dublin 2.

RE: PQ 44774/25 - To ask the Minister for Health the transport supports being considered for pregnant women in rural communities who now need to travel to Galway University Hospital for maternity services previously provided at Portiuncula University Hospital.

Dear Deputy Daly,

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position:

The reconfiguration of maternity services in Portiuncula University Hospital to move higher risk pregnancies off the site will mean that some women in rural communities who previously attended Portiuncula University Hospital will now need to travel to Galway University Hospital or other units for certain aspects of their maternity care. It is acknowledged that this change may create additional travel demands for expectant mothers and their families. The HSE West and North West, through the work of the implementation team, will consider what contingencies and supports can reasonably be put in place to assist women effected.

I hope this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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