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Deputy Paul Kehoe Dail Eireann Leinster House Dublin

## PQ 6731/24

To ask the Minister for Health what options are available for a patient to apply for HSE transportation from Wexford to Dublin for non-emergency hospital appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kehoe,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above PQ 56283.

I have examined the matter and the following response outlines the current position.

The HSE does provide non-emergency patient transport services for medical card patients. The transport is arranged through the Ambulance service. The provision of this service is confined to patients that are unable to access public or private transport because of their medical condition and/ or mobility issues.

Access to this service can be can be arranged via any general practitioner by completing the relevant application form and sending to <a href="mailto:patienttransport.wexford@hse.ie">patienttransport.wexford@hse.ie</a>.

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

Yours sincerely,

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