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Deputy O'Callaghan,
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PQ 4143/24 - To ask the Minister for Health if there are any additional supports available for carers who are put under physical strain when caring for a person who may require lifting, for example financial aid for physiotherapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

- Cian O'Callaghan

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question (PQ 4143/24) which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE recognises the valuable contribution of carers who care for family members, relatives and friends. The HSE provides health services directly and also funds voluntary organisations to provide supports and services to individuals and their carers.

Information around supports and services available for carers can be found on the HSE website at the links below and includes information on other organisations that have supports available for carers and their families.

https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/3/carerssupport/

https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/3/carerssupport/supportorganisations/

Individuals that receive Carers Allowance/Benefit are entitled to a GP visit card without means test, where their GP may refer them for physiotherapy if required. Information about GP visit cards can be found at the link below:

https://www.citizensinformation.ie/en/health/medical-cards-and-gp-visit-cards/gp-visit-cards/#63b710

I trust this is of assistance.

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