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To ask the Minister for Health the reason people in Athy, County Kildare cannot avail of the services of the Caredoc services in County Carlow, with an average round trip of approximately 36km, but can only avail of the Kdoc services in Naas, which involves an average round trip of over 80km; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Ryan,

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

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

Caredoc is a GP Co-operative which provides urgent GP services to patients of participating GP's outside of normal surgery hours across the South East. Clinical and Corporate Governance is provided by the Caredoc Board of Directors made up of 19 Caredoc member doctors. Member GP's of Caredoc have a responsibility to provide out of hours GP to patients within their own geographical area.

The KDoc Co-operative is a separate entity & includes GP's from Athy and surrounding areas. GP's who are member GP's of KDoc have a responsibility to provide out of hours service to their own patients. Patients can attend the Out of Hours service where their GP is a member.

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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