

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 5th OCTOBER 2015**

Question

Will the Minister detail for members what changes are involved in the “review of patient transport services” which appears on page 83 of the Annex to the draft Medium Term Financial Plan 2016 -2019?

Answer

The ‘review’ will be just that and will encompass the following challenges:

- Who are we transporting and why?
- When and where do we transport patients and is there room for greater efficiency?
- Are our criteria for patient transport ‘fit for purpose’?
- How do we reduce ‘aborted journeys’?
- Should the user pay a contribution – for example, if the journey is to a private institution or if they receive long-term care benefit?
- Could the voluntary sector undertake any of the activity?
- Would any changes in the patient transport service have an impact upon the front-line ambulance service?
- Is it possible to make a saving on the current running costs?

The Health and Social Services Department has to deliver savings and a range of schemes is being considered, including reviewing the provision of patient transport services. As yet, no changes have been agreed for this area.