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Dr Hafi Saad & Dr Kathleen Harkin
President & Secretary of the ISCPHM
27th April 2026

Dear Minister Norma Foley, ^{Minister for Children, Disability and Equality,} and Minister Emer Higgins, ^{Minister of State at the Department of Children, Disability and Equality with responsibility for Disability.}

We are writing to you to express concern regarding the state of transport services for those living with disabilities. This concern led to the following motion being carried unanimously at our annual scientific meeting:

The Irish Society of Community and Public Health Medicine (ISCPHM) calls on the government to implement the recommendations of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy Working Group made in 2023 without delay.

The Community Medical Doctors have repeatedly raised their concerns about the inequity and ineffectiveness of the Disabled Drivers and Passengers (Tax Concessions) Scheme (DDPS). The National Disability Inclusion Strategy Action 104 Transport Working Group report was published in December 2022. This working group carried out an inter-departmental review of the DDPS in 2022/23, led by the former Minister of State at the Department of Health with responsibility for Disability, Anne Rabbitte. Almost three years later, its recommendations have not yet been implemented.

We are asking the government to implement immediately the recommendations that the National Disability & Inclusion Strategy Transport Working Group made in 2023 and to replace the DDPS with needs based, equitable and enhanced transport and mobility support options for people with disabilities.

Yours Sincerely

Hafi & Kathleen

On behalf of the Irish Society of Community and Public Health Medicine

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