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Dear Ms Watson

Accessible Transport Strategy- Draft Action Plan 2009-2012

I wish to provide the following comments on the above Action Plan.

Strategic Objective 3

It is important that the transport providers map out the range of services and locations that older people and people with disabilities access on a regular basis, and make sure that transport provision provides a service to those locations. This would include, from health and social care perspective:

- Hospitals (for outpatient/visitors access)
- Residential homes/nursing homes (for access)
- Day care facilities, to promote independent travel
- Health & Care centres, to provide access to outpatient appointments

In rural locations the provision of adequate bus shelters, with safety warnings built into road signage at potential crossing points, is essential.

The potential for increase for Door to Door and Community Transport schemes, especially in rural areas, is welcomed.

It is also important to clarify and simplify the responsibilities of various government departments in respect of funding of transport schemes.

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