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To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-Micheál Martin

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland, that is campaigning in north County Kildare to seek funding and support to set up a two day care service have been told by the HSE that funds are not available to support the running and set-up of same, the estimated cost of which will cost €70,000 pa

Dear Deputy

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Kildare North between the years 2011-2016 saw a growth of 20% of people over the age of 65. It is estimated that there are currently 10,000 people over the age of 65 in the Kildare North area (Health Atlas).

Based on this growth and the projected growth to 2019, the HSE estimate that there are approximately 500+ persons living with dementia in this area (*Based on information sources from Prevalence and Projection of Dementia in Ireland 2011-2046*).

The National Dementia Strategy was published in 2014. The Strategy sets out a framework for the development of dementia supports and services in Ireland. The HSE is committed to working towards ensuring this Strategy is rolled out within available resources.

Currently the HSE runs a day care centre in Maynooth, Co. Kildare. While this service is not dementia specific there are a high number of service users who have a dementia diagnosis.

The HSE also has a direct home help service which provides support to persons with dementia in activities of daily living. The HSE also provides home care packages to persons with dementia.

The HSE currently funds 112 hours weekly through the Alzheimer Society; 8-10 persons in this area receive in home respite and a further 15+ persons are on the waiting list.

The HSE also funds a Day Centre 3 days per week just outside Kildare Town run by the Alzheimer Society.

The HSE recognises the need for increased services in this area to assist families caring for persons with dementia and is working with the Alzheimer Society in terms of identifying that need.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but if you have any queries or should require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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